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Magdi Abdel-Ghani and Gamal Abdel-Hamid form a human pyramid after Ghani's equaliser earned Egypt a 1-1 draw with Holland. Egypt and England meet in a decisive Group F World Cup match on Friday.

WORLD CUP HOTS UP



BY LOU GAUTIER

IT'S now down to the business end of Italia '90, with the group matches ending on Friday, and the first of the elimination second phase games kicking off on Sunday.

This issue went to press before all of the preliminary matches had been completed, as each team had one group match left to play.

However, indications are that pre-World Cup predictions as far as West Germany, Brazil and Italy were concerned were spot-on.

Though the Germans have been the most impressive by far to date, Italy and Brazil have done enough to suggest they are on course for a berth in the semi-finals.

And Belgium and Czechoslovakia have

also hit top stride.

Holland have been the disappointment of the tournament so far: only a win against the dour Irish will do on Friday, and the same goes for England, who showed vast improvement against the Dutch, though.

They have to draw or beat surprise-packet

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**Huge crowd for final
Hajduk Split game**

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**NEXT WEEK — SPECIAL HAJDUK SPLIT —
SYDNEY CROATIA SOUVENIR PICTURES**

Federal Opposition leader John Hewson with Sydney Croatia's Socceroo Graham Arnold. He met the players prior to the kick off of the Sydney Croatia — Hajduk Split final tour match at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday. Hajduk would up their tour with a 2-0 victory.

— Photo: Hector Carrasco



The touring Hajduk Split player has ample room to get his pass away, as he is tracked by a Sydney Croatia opponent on Sunday: Photo: Hector Carrasco.

South Queensland League mooted

THE Queensland Soccer Federation is set to revamp its premier competition — the XXXX League — with a streamlined version of the old State League.



A proposal is now before the clubs for a South Queensland League which will feature sides from Bundaberg to the NSW Border.

The move is a partial revival of the State League which was disbanded in 1981 after succumbing to rising travel costs and discontent among Brisbane clubs.

If the proposal is accepted unchanged, the new league will comprise 12 club teams — six from Brisbane, two from the Gold Coast, one from

Ipswich, Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast and Bundaberg.

They would be required to field firsts, reserves and colts.

The selection of the clubs will be subject to a strict criteria which will assess each club's financial background and future, grounds, facilities, administration and attitude.

It is proposed there be no promotion or relegation for the first two years. A system of play-offs would be introduced in the following seasons.

The premiers of first divisions in each of the centres involved would have the right to play-off against their City's representative if that team finished below a pre-determined placing.

While support for the revamping of the fast stagnating XXXX League is widespread, the biggest opposition to the new proposal hinges on the requirement for country centres to field club sides.

Some officials believe taking the best



teams out of the first divisions in Gold Coast Coast, Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast and Bundaberg will destroy the local competitions.

The move among some of those Federations is to enter a representative side in the South Queensland League, with players involved possibly still able to turn out for their club teams in the local First Division.

That format was used in the old State League, but with disastrous results, particularly on the Gold Coast.

Players were signed on dual registrations but turned their backs on the poor-performing rep side when their club teams were vying for honors.

QSF secretary Jim Gilbert said the proposal was not above change.

"The sub-committee have come up with a blue print which has been distributed to the club," he said.

"The whole idea is planned for debate in July and I am sure a competition which best suits everyone can be formulated."



Aurelio Vidmar is intent on controlling the football as he is tracked by two Sydney Olympic defenders in this NSL action shot.

Vidmar looks at Europe

STAR midfielder Aurelio Vidmar, 23, who bought out his contract with Adelaide City, is attending the World Cup and then will follow up with a bid to build a blossoming career with Reggina in the Italian Serie B competi-

tion.

His options are open, though, to move on elsewhere in Europe.

Vidmar has much for which to thank friend and fitness mentor Vince Palumbo.

Palumbo, more than anyone, has put an extra spring in his step and revitalised Vidmar's appetite for sport.

"I have worked out in pre-season with Vince for the past five years in the NSL and he has made a tremendous difference," said the soccer star.

"the work he teaches is great for coordination and helps your mind in relaxing.

"I found it great training pre-season as he has a completely different system of stretching from what we have at the soccer.

"I stretched and worked on muscles I don't know I had."

Palumbo has been selected by the World Combat Federation to set up a coaching outlet in SA.

That would be only the second Combative Martial Arts Academy in Australia. The other is in Sydney.

Palumbo, 25, a black belt instructor, has been involved in free style martial arts for 10 years. He will open an academy in Adelaide.

"This style of martial art teaches people how to handle themselves in on the street situations," said Palumbo.

"Our training helps people get out of situations but also is ideal preparation for sports people. It supplements their training."

But Vidmar knows he headed for Italy with perfect physical preparation for what lies ahead.

"I wish the Adelaide City players all the best for the new season," said Vidmar. "I thank coach Zoran Matic and president Charlie Caruso for all they have done."

"Special thanks, too, to Mario Corti, among the best soccer brains in Australia, for the help he has given me in the past 10 years."

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ASF plans for 1993

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA could be the headquarters for a group in the 1993 World Youth Soccer Championship, the chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation, John Constantine, told ASW.

And the recently elected national supremo of the code also forecast the ACT will be staging at least one senior international match next year.

"FIFA has put some stringent requirements on the venues for the youth championship, and the Bruce Stadium is one of those which fits perfectly," Constantine said.

"We are in the process of establishing a national organising committee. A lot of work needs to be done."

On the possibility of senior games, he said the ASF had made a policy decision to give the public a taste of international football in areas where there is no national league team.

"As part of that we are working on getting national sides to Aus-

tralia — as opposed to the club teams we have had in the past — it is something which should fit in with the plans of those countries which did not qualify for the current World Cup," he said.

Asked if he was concerned that recent matches between the ACT and Indonesia and Charlton Athletic drew less than 2000 people, Constantine said the ASF was not relying on gate money to make the events financially viable.

"Our concern is that interest in the game here is waning, and that is one of the reasons we are bringing international soccer to Canberra."

The pair discussed the report with ACT club representatives.

"Canberra is one of the areas which has been identified by Dr Bradley as a base for a National League team — we are looking at that happening two seasons from now," Constantine said.

But he admitted that could be short circuited by the possibility Canberra Croatia might win promotion to the national competition

under current arrangements.

Asked if Canberra Croatia's name would be any bar to it entering the National League, Constantine said there was a policy decision that every club in the competition should begin to take steps to identify itself with the area in which it was based rather than an ethnic community.

"The rules will be uniform for all clubs in the league — they won't be directed at anyone in particular."

The ACT Government's executive deputy for Sport, Recreation and Racing, Bill Stefaniak, said the ASF's proposals were a great boost "not only for soccer in Canberra, but for the city's image as one of the world's sporting centres".

"The public have always shown they are prepared to watch quality football."

The youth championship, awarded to Australia by FIFA last year, follows the successful staging of the 1981 titles in this country when a number of matches, including the



John Constantine

quarter final between Australia and West Germany, took place at Bruce Stadium.

Other group venues under consideration are Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, but Constantine stressed no final decisions have been taken.

"That will have to wait until we are given details of the format of the competition."

"But I would add there are very few stadia in Australia which match FIFA's requirements."

Constantine was accompanied by the author of the Bradley report on soccer in Australia, Graham Bradley.

Sporting Lisbon by default —

Venglos up in air over Roos

BY STEPHEN DETTRE OF AAP

MILAN — Josef Venglos wants to coach the Soccerroos but has been left wondering if the Australian Soccer Federation really wants him, according to friends of the Czechoslovakian national team boss.

After talks with Venglos, they have been left with no doubt that he wants to move his family to Australia and is keen to take the Soccerroo job.

"It has been become more than an issue of money," said Sydney coach Dennis Hoggart, who befriended Venglos during their days together with the great Prague team of the NSW Federation in the 1960s.

"He has said that he wants to give his family a better quality of life and he believes he can do that in Australia."

"The pressures and problems of European soccer are no longer such a lure, even considering the money."

However, he claimed the ASF has not contacted Venglos since a visit to Prague by ASF president John Constantine some

months ago.

Constantine made the trip to interview Venglos who applied for the Soccerroo job when it became vacant after Frank Arok's contract expired and he accepted a lucrative offer from his club St George.

"While he said that he wanted to concentrate on the World Cup at hand, it would only take him a few minutes to give the ASF an answer, as he seems to have made up his mind," Hoggart said.

Czechoslovakian journalists in Italy have confirmed that Venglos has received at least two other firm offers, one from the South Korean national federation, and the other from leading Portuguese club Sporting Lisbon.

However, Hoggart discounts these as being of interest to Venglos.

"He said that money is not the issue," he said. The Czechoslovakian journalists have said the offer from Sporting Lisbon is "outstanding — a lot of money."

They seem surprised that Venglos would want to move to Aus-



JOSEF VENGLOS

tralia. "Taking the job would mean he would

be out of the mainstream of world football," one said.

Australian officials in Italy have admitted that Arok's former assistant Eddie Thomson, the current national coaching director, is still a strong favourite with the ASF establishment for the Soccerroo job.

Venglos' team has performed well so far at the World Cup, beating the US 5-1 and then Austria 1-0 to ensure it of a place in the last 16.

World Cup fever hits at Coogee

THE Coogee-Randwick RSL Club at Carr Street, Coogee will be filled with World Cup goals on Friday June 29 at 7.30pm.

SBS Television will be providing film of all the World Cup goals up to June 29 — the quarter final stage.

SBS Presenter Andy Paschalidis will be MC for an evening of great soccer entertainment titled "THE TOOHEYS RED WORLD CUP NIGHT".

The 1974 World Cup Soccerroo coach Rale Rasic and World Cup player Adrian Alston will be reliving their memories of World Cup action.

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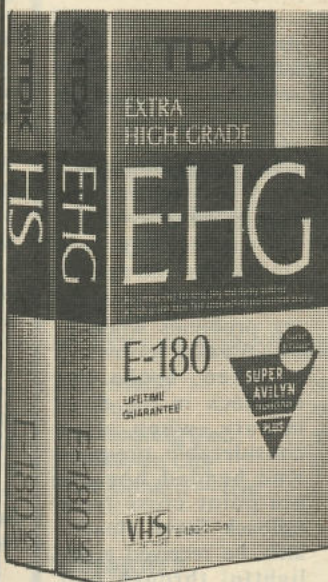
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Kay, Fletcher sink Canterbury

BY PAUL GOODWIN

CANTERBURY enjoyed less luck than in its preceding three matches at Arlington in going down 2-1 to the ambitious Wollongong Macedonia on Saturday.

Paul Kay, returning to the side after a week out of the action, put the visitors one up in the 25th when he ran onto a through ball from John Bradley and drove it in off the post.

Ten minutes later

Tom Divljak scored the equalizer with a lob into the top corner from 15 metres after Louis Dounis had switched play from right to left and set up Nick Oustambasidis whose cross was a telling one.

Macedonia had the best of the first 45 minutes, but did not have the goals to show for it.

The second half was the reverse, with the Berries outplaying the Wollongong side without getting on the scoresheet.

Dragan Pupovac dealt comfortably with everything up until the 80th minute, when some slack marking allowed Macedonia to grab the winner.

A short corner was played to Graeme Fletcher just inside the area and the striker turned quickly before hammering in a first time shot.

Dounis should have given Canterbury the lead in the 62nd when he was in receipt of yet another good cross from Oustambasidis,

but put his shot wide.

Godzik and Divljak again played well, but the welter of goals secured in recent weeks eluded the side on this occasion and Casey de Bruin's men did the job expected of them to stay on track for possible promotion.

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE: Pupovac, Slavski, Adamou, Spiridakos, Kalogeras (Hill), Radman, Divljak, Godzik, Millessourgos, Oustambasidis, Dounis.

WOLLONGONG MACDONIA: Wilson, Cavanah, Martin Bourke, Galway, Cabassi, Kay, Sandy, Bradley, G. Brown, Fletcher, Thornthwaite.

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A Hajduk defender (white shirt) faces up to a determined Sydney Croatia attack at Edensor Park on Sunday.

Brodnik inspires Wolves

THE youngsters from Wollongong chose the day set aside for the State Bank special-promotion at Brandon Park to break their duck and recorded an easy 3-1 win over the equally youthful Marconi side.

The Corrimal branch of the bank organised a prize trip and there were junior games as well, although the cold day did not attract as many people as expected.

Wollongong welcomed the experienced Pat Brodnik into the midfield and he was the star of the show.

The young players were inspired by his presence and soon hit the lead.

In the 8th minute Jason Oldridge took advantage of a rebound from a shot by Brodnik, after the regular first grade player had made a good run on the left and hit the post from six metres Oldridge made no mistake.

Paul Okon was included in the Marconi team and played well enough, but it was the home side which made most of the running.

Mark Schwarzer had a busy time in the Marconi goal and denied Jason Higgs after a Richard Lloyd through ball.

Okon was unlucky to hit the crossbar in the 27th minute, but at the other end Higgs was denied by the 'keeper and Brodnik hit the post.

Newcomer Mick Atsas in goal for the first time for the Wolves tipped a Surjan effort over the bar in the 43rd and the single goal separated the two sides at half time.

Within two minutes of the restart Oldridge made it 2-0 when he cut in past the Marconi

Avala's Kuc demolishes game Sydney Olympic

BY DAVID COOPER

AVALA's exciting Yugoslavian import Milander Kuc was the difference between the two sides when he scored two goals and set up the other goal in their 3-1 win against a gallant Sydney Olympic side played at St George Stadium.

With the game looking like heading for a draw, Kuc, within the space of three minutes scored two goals to give them their fourth win from four games.

The game started off in sensational style when for the second time in the past two weeks, Sydney Olympic were a goal down within the first two minutes of the kick off.

But Kuc, with the ball on the left, beat his marker and his low cross into the centre found Paul Welch all alone on the six yard line and he had an easy tap in for Avala first goal.

The remainder of the half saw both teams play careful football making sure

left back and hit a left foot shot well past Schwarzer.

Marconi got on the scoresheet when awarded a penalty for handball by Angelo Piacentini, in the 73rd and Tony Surjan did the honours.

Three minutes later John Danzo finished off a pass from Oldridge nicely to make it 3-1 and as Oldridge had a header tipped over the bar and Krishna a header saved, Wollongong enjoyed themselves as they pressed home their advantage.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Atsas, Allport, Piacentini, Hristovski, Robaards, Krishna, Higgs, Lloyd, Brodnik, Danzo, Oldridge.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD: Schwarzer, Caluccio, Sersen, Mammone, Loran, Dal'Est, Charlewood, Surjan, Okon, Vanegas, Licata (subs Budwee, Bowles).

REFEREE: A. Sporovski.

that no mistakes were made in the blustery conditions, with goalscoring opportunities mainly coming from long range efforts from outside the 18 yard area.

Sydney Olympic, with the wind at the backs, soon applied the pressure to the Avala defenders.

David Barrett was the first too go close when his attempted cross was caught by the wind and floating close to the goalmouth. It actually hit the top of the crossbar and bounced away.

Eric Hristodoulou went close to equalising when he found space in the box and his powerful shot crashed against the post and bounced away much to the relief of the Avala defenders.

Olympic received their just deserts when in the 68th minute Barrett cracked an absolute thunderbolt from about 40 yards out, which rocketed against the crossbar and straight back to Jerkovic who had an easy tap in.

Kuc, who was causing problems whenever Avala counter attacked, broke the deadlock in the 82nd minute, when after considerable pressure Kuc headed home a pin-point cross from fullback Steve Meades after he received a delightful through ball from John McKie.

Three minutes later, Kuc put the game beyond Olympic's reach when he stole the ball from Triantafylou and took the ball into the area and neatly placed it past Meier who was advancing from his goalmouth.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Barrett, Triantafylou, Bernal, Georgopoulos, Lardis, Aroujo, Hristodoulou, Jerkovic, Sharpley, Refenes.

AVALA: Rodic, Meades, Vukmircic, Gonzalez, Barrios, Benitez, Nastoski (Glezamkamp), Fitzharris, Kuc, McKie, Welch.

REFEREE: Nick Asaralotis.

Blacktown about turn

BLACKTOWN City ended a week which had being filled with turmoil, in the best possible way when they thrashed Inter Monaro 6-0 at the Gabbie Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

In a week which saw coach Tony Henderson replaced by Ron Corry, and also the departure of former Australian goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse, Blacktown showed a complete reversal which amazed even the most ardent Blacktown City supporter.

Blacktown, eager to get new coach Corry off to a good start, asserted their authority right from the start, and soon had Monaro moving backwards.

Blacktown's midfield for the first time this year worked as a unit and the benefits showed with the striker getting cleaner ball, which meant better goalscoring opportunities.

Blacktown, who were missing the spark in front of goals may have found the solution to that problem with young striker Stan Suman netting four of the six goals.

He opened the scoring in the 22nd minute when he was able to get a foot to a free-kick that was floated into the area.

Suman then added a second when he headed home a long cross from Geoff Gunning.

The floodgates then opened up in the second half when Blacktown scored four goals in 20 minutes.

Lawrie McKinea scored the first of these when was able to get a shot in after a goalmouth scramble, which ricocheted off a defender's leg and into the goal.

McKinna then

added his second to the scoresheet one minute later when he latched onto a first time volley from outside the area which screamed past goalkeeper Howzowski.

After a series of passes around Monaro's 18 yard box, the ball found its way to Suman standing on the corner of the box, and he let go with a thunderbolt which gave the goalkeeper no chance.

Suman, to add salt to the wounds, scored a brilliant individual goal which saw him make a run from mid-way inside Monaro's half, leaving defenders and the goalkeeper in his wake and to score an easy tap in.

Inter Monaro at times played good attractive football, but missed the leadership and goalscoring qualities at Sam Giam-paolo.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Mautone (Crews), Lees, Langan, Connolly, Gunning, Comerford, Mason, Bennett, Gibson, Suman, McKinna (Ackerley).

INTER MONARO: Howzowski, Montegrosso, Arthur, Bryant, Williams, Daniele, Carbone, Ambrosino, Popovich, Chicco, Maricic.

REFEREE: Gary Power.

— DAVID COOPER



Ex-Socceroo Greg Woodhouse makes a take for Blacktown City as Sydney Croatia's midfield star Pedro Ricoy homes in.

Marshall Soper dismissed

Young Saints grab the initiative

BY DAVID COOPER

ST GEORGE recorded their third win for the 1990 season, when they defeated a 10 man Polonia side 1-0 at St George Stadium.

In a game played in extremely windy conditions, Polonia were reduced to 10 men for 76 min when Marshall Soper was sent off for allegedly using an elbow in an off-the-ball incident.

The game started off very slowly with both sides trying to adjust to the swirling wind which was causing problems for the players.

The first scoring opportunity came St George's way when a mistake by the Polonia midfield enabled John Kakakios to run to the right by-line and his cross found Matthew Bingley who put his header wide at the goal.

The ensuing goal-kick saw Soper get his

marching orders, which made Polonia's task a little harder as he was Polonia's main marksmen.

Using the spare man to their advantage, St George pressed hard to open up the scoring, however they couldn't find a way past determined Polonia goalkeeper, Bruce Thurlow.

In fact it was Polonia who nearly took the lead when David Beamer caught the St George defence napping and his well hit shot from the edge of area smashed against the post.

Seven minutes before half-time St George took the lead care of a penalty taken by Osvaldo El-Ali, after Chau had huddled a Blago Milicevic header that was goalward bound.

The second half saw St George dominate and could have put away a least two relatively easy chances, which probalby could have being put down to inexperience.

At the same time Polonia was counter-attacking very effectively and was unlucky not to score one or two of their own.

To their credit, Polonia defended strongly, especially in the second half when St George with the winds at their backs should have ready put them through the ringer.

ST GEORGE: Filan, Ciantar, Augerinos, Haragli, Milicevic, McGregor, Kakakios, El-Ali, Bingley, Poric (Watson), Adioski (Folladosa).

POLONIA: Thurlow, Chau, Thompson, Lasek, Robertson, Kolwicki, Mojsa (Drys), Pratt (Anderson), Beamer, Soper, Nowicki.

REFEREE: Eric Cohen.

Enthusiastic 1-1 draw at Hurstville in first clash

THIS first ever meeting between the two strong Macedonian sides in Sydney's south was staged at Hurstville Oval, with many festivities on the day and guests from local State government plus sponsors of the home side present at the ground.

The result, a 1-1 draw, was not unusual for a derby game, but both sides played attractive football in difficult conditions and on the balance of play the home side probably would have been satisfied with escaping with a point.

With a blustery breeze at their backs Sydney Macedonia took the game to Rockdale and used the pace of Kadric and Gilbert to good effect.

These two players broke clear in the 20th minute and took on the defence together, before Kadric hit a good shot which was partially cleared.

Theo Kotsias gained possession of the loose ball, slipped it to Kadric wide on the right and the 2nd Division's leading scorer from 1989 was able to find the net for his first goal in the top section.

Sydney Macedonia made most of the first half running, with Porter and Beddoni lonely

figures up front for Ilinden at that stage.

Just before the break a cross from the left by Kotsias was headed on by Scott Baillie, but Gilbert could not reach the ball at the far post to turn it into goal.

In the second half Rockdale began to look more effective and some hefty clearances by in-form Keith Warren took advantage of the wind in their favour.

Tony Avellino had a good game in goal for Macedonia as well and thwarted both Beddoni and Lerond who had shots from close range.

Macedonia were themselves denied by Warren who dived to his right to keep out a Gilbert drive, following an excellent run down the left flank by Baillie in the 67th minute.

Blagoje Petkovski arrived the previous week from Yugoslav club Koper and came into the action, via the substitutes bench, to make an immediate impact.

Rockdale forced a corner on the right which Greg Lerond swung over and which was scrambled away by the Macedonia defence for a left side corner, after 68 minutes.

Petkovski was given the duty of taking the second corner and his



precision cross to the near post was squeezed past the defenders on the goal-line by a delighted Bruno Beddoni.

Fabian Kadric sent Sasha Spirovski away in the 77th only for Warren to come well off his line and bring him to the ground.

From the resultant penalty it was Gilbert, and not regular spot kick-taker Kadric, who had the unwanted distinction of seeing Warren save his second penalty in two games and in similar circumstances.

Rockdale had the ball in the net again after a couple of good late raids, the last a Lerond free kick from 40 yards which went in, after a challenge on the 'keeper only to be ruled as unfair by referee David Naylor.

The 848 paying customers, swelled to almost 2,000 by the granting of free admission to ladies and all students, enjoyed a fine encounter, the first of many likely meetings between the two teams.

ROCKDALE-ILINDEN: Warren, Willis, Lerond, Naumovski, Buchanan, Wilson, Markovski, Deveridge, Campbell (Petkovski), Beddoni, Porter.

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Souris, Baillie, Pilovski, Reveley, Arcosa, Fernandez, Kotsias, Gilbert (Genovese), Spirovski, Kadric.

REFEREE: D. Naylor.

Macedonia outstanding

SYDNEY Macedonia made it three wins from three games when they defeated a Sydney Olympic outfit 2-1 at Jensen Oval on June 10.

Macedonia had to use all their experience to beat the youthful Olympic side that showed they will cause a lot of trouble for their more fancied rivals.

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Souris, Baillie, Pilovski, Reveley, Fernandez, Kotsias, Arcosa, Gilbert, Spirovski, Kadric.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Barrett, Triantafyllou, Georgopoulos, Plataniotis, Sharpley, Lardis, Hristodoulou, Aroujo, Jerkovic, Refenes.

REFEREE: Arthur Owens.

Croatia thrashes Demons.

SYDNEY Croatia inflicted the fourth straight defeat on Blacktown City when they thrashed them 5-1 at the Croatian Sports Centre on June 10.

After a very even first half which saw the score at 1-1, Sydney Croatia opened the floodgates and preceded to produce four goals against a side that was clearly showing a lack of confidence and youthfulness.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Kalac, Barisic, Grbevski, Hunter, Babic, Popovic, Rlcov, French, Gomez, Petkovic, Devecchis (Le-Fauvre).

BLACKTOWN CITY: Woodhouse, Bennett, Connelly, Langan, Henderson, Mason, Gibson, Lees, McKinna, Comerford, Gunning.

— DAVID COOPER

Canberra Croatia's winning streak

BY GRAHAM COOKE

NEWCASTLE BHP Austral failed to stop Canberra Croatia recording its 13th straight win in pre-season, cup, friendly and league matches when it went down 2-0 at Deakin Oval on Sunday.

The visiting side began well enough, but a sterile spell in the middle of the game cost it the points.

Croatia had an early let-off when Ralph Maier used the wind to pump a long, high pass to Robbie Ironside.

The striker, showing none of the sharpness which characterised his play for Quit National League champion Sydney Olympic during the summer, seemed startled to receive the ball and promptly lost it to goalkeeper Peter Gunning.

The breakthrough came six minutes before half time.

Referee Bob Marshall judged Stan Dukic had been shoved in the box, goalkeeper Craig Carter received a yellow caution card as a result of his vigorous protests to the contrary, then

could do nothing to stop Alan Reis' firmly struck spot kick.

Quality team work produced Croatia's second in the 52nd minute.

Reis began the move out on the right; his pass found Dukic who flicked it on for Lemezina to split the defence and score on the run.

And the home fans were ready to cheer another 10 minutes later when Ned Zelic surged forward with the ball at his feet.

Sensing both Reis and Lemezina were falling into the offside trap, he kept going, dodging a tackle from Howard Tredinnick, skipping wide of a despairing Carter, then blazing the ball over the bar when the slightest tap would have put him on the score sheet.

As the game wound down Croatia gave away a series of worrying free kicks on or about the edge of its penalty area.

Ironside had a chance to show his worth: his first effort thudded into the defensive wall; then Wayne Bailey had a go, his lob failing to



Canberra Croatia's Ray Junna.

find the head of the incoming Boogaard; finally Ironside's final chance took a deflection off a defender and away for a harmless corner.

Doug Marcina had one of his most involved games of the season, mixing defence with some telling probes down the flank. Joe Gagetti made two strong runs, both times

striking the ball a shade high.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Zelic, Marcina, Gagetti, Dunn, Young, Kulcar, Junna, Reis, Lemezina, Dukic.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Maier, Jones, Boogaard, Tredinnick, Naumov, Ironside, Bailey, Devon, Krstevski, Gresham (Brandt 58).

REFEREE: R. Marshall. CROWD: 451.

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Wednesday June 27
State League Conference B: Sydney Croatia v North Shore, Croatian Sports Centre, 7pm, 9pm.

Division 3: West Wanderers v North Ryde, Francis Park, 6.30pm & 8.15pm.

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SATURDAY JUNE 23

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

BHP Austral v Wollongong City
Rockdale Ilinden v Avala

DIVISION 2

Waverley v Dulwich Hill

FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE

Bankstown v Concordia
West Wanderers v Hills United

SUNDAY JUNE 24

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

Warringah v Sydney Olympic
Sydney Macedonia v Canberra Croatia
Marconi — bye

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Sutherland v St George
Polonia v Canterbury
Wollongong Mac v Sydney Croatia
Blacktown City v North Shore Utd
Inter Monaro — bye

DIVISION 2

Campbelltown v Gladesville
Central Coast v Fairfield City
Auburn Yugal v Granville Chile
Southern Dist v Manly Warringah
Rosebery v Mt Druitt
Petersham v Orange

DIVISION 3

Mt Pritchard v Canterbury & Dist
Bathurst '75 v Cyprus United
Uni of NSW v Port Hacking
North Ryde RSL v Lemnos Allstars

All games kick-off 3pm with U19 at 1pm, with BHP Austral 2.30pm and 12.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

See State League action this week!

Composite Table

1ST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canberra	4	4	0	0	12	2	8
Avala	4	4	0	0	14	5	8
St George	5	3	1	1	15	9	7
Rockdale Ilinden	5	3	1	1	9	5	7
Sydney Macedonia	4	3	1	0	6	2	7
Wollongong Mac	4	2	2	0	10	8	6
Sutherland Shire	4	2	2	0	6	4	6
Canterbury	5	3	0	2	10	9	6
Polonia	4	2	1	1	4	2	5
Sydney Croatia	3	2	0	1	10	4	4
Warringah	4	2	0	2	7	5	4
BHP Austral	4	1	1	2	2	4	3
Blacktown City	5	1	0	4	10	11	2
Wollongong City	5	1	0	4	6	13	2
North Shore Utd	3	1	0	2	3	10	2
Marconi	5	0	1	4	1	10	1
Inter Monaro	5	0	0	5	5	16	0
Sydney Olympic	5	0	0	5	3	14	0

UNDER 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	5	4	0	1	9	6	8
Wollongong City	5	4	0	1	8	5	8
Canberra	4	3	1	0	11	2	7
Polonia	4	3	1	0	9	3	7
Wollongong Mac	4	3	1	0	9	4	7
Avala	4	3	0	1	9	4	6
Sydney Macedonia	4	3	0	1	8	3	6
Sydney Croatia	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
BHP Austral	3	1	2	0	10	8	4
Inter Monaro	5	1	2	2	7	7	4
Warringah	4	2	0	2	6	7	4
North Shore Utd	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
St George	5	0	3	2	5	11	3
Sutherland Shire	4	0	1	3	4	7	1
Canterbury	5	0	1	4	4	10	1
Marconi	5	0	1	4	7	15	1
Rockdale Ilinden	3	0	0	3	1	8	0
Sydney Olympic	4	0	0	4	5	13	0

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Dulwich Hill, Southern Dists at top

BY PAUL GOODWIN

WAVERLEY began the weekend well with a resounding 5-0 win at Waverley Oval at the expense of Orange Waratah.

Avi Ronen got the first of his two goals with a header in the 28th minute, from a Steve Milloy cross, which came after a John Devenay cross had been helped over the line by Jeff Johnson after hitting the underside of the bar in the 25th.

Jimmy Berry put away a Barry Walker cross, before Walker, himself, headed a Bobby McPherson corner home.

To wrap things up a Ronen header came late in the game, as Waverley showed few signs that they were missing either Joe Watson or Peter Treacey.

Petersham found Mount Druitt full of confidence after a Thursday night defeat of Central Coast at Popondetta Park, where John White scored the only goal.

Wayne Farnsworth had a late penalty attempt saved by Coast goalie Dave Fitzsimmons, in a game either side could have won.

Ian Parry gave Lusitanos the lead in the 26th from the spot after Craig Poole had been brought down by the keeper.

Headers by defender David Close and midfielder Don Campbell saw 'Town Rangers' home 2-1 to end Petersham's run of good results.

It is Mount Druitt who now have three wins in a row and the prospect of another tomorrow (Thursday) when they take on Auburn Yugal at Popondetta.

Fairfield and Campbelltown staged a fierce 0-0 draw at a wintry Knight Park, where Sep

Disch hit the post late in the game and a Ray Carney free kick was pushed over the bar by Julio Lobos, now having broken into the Fairfield side after a successful season with Granville last term.

Appeals for a penalty also fell on deaf ears, when the Vikings were instead awarded a free kick, which the team felt should have been for an offence inside the box.

Southern Districts got home by the skin of their teeth against a dogged Granville Chile at Garside Park, Gerkin Tasdemir making the most of a lofted ball from playmaker Aytec Genc by racing into the area and after first hitting the post slamming the rebound into the net in the 89th minute for a 1-0 win.

Manly Warringah was another side to find Rosebery well below their early season form and despatched the visitors 4-1 despite being without several senior players.

Debutant goalie Miles Cornish was superb and the Under-19 star scorer, Warwick Turpin, got his chance and grabbed a hat-trick.

It was Tiz Morosini, however, who scored first by running onto and heading home a Tom Gavin cross in the 16th minute.

A long clearance by Cornish was nodded on by Mark Butler in the path of Turpin who put his side two up, before Erkin Osman converted a penalty awarded for handball just before the break.

Two minutes after the restart Turpin got his second, hammering home from close range and completed a dream debut by notching a penalty after being brought down by Billy Griffiths in the box. Gladesville were de-

spertely unlucky not to defeat Auburn Yugal at Christie Park, settling instead for a 2-2 draw.

Graeme Williamson got on the end of a Chris Butt free kick in the 21st minute to make it 1-0, but a superb shot from Wally Apanian, who accepted a ball from Vlado Zoric in the 30th, cancelled that out.

In the 53rd minute Auburn took the lead, Paul Pettenon driving home, after a free kick left the ball at his feet.

The Mitre 10 Bears drew level when Paul Mamo slotted the ball past Pinto after a quickly taken short corner in the 62nd.

Jeff Kelly, Chris Butt and Graeme Williamson all hit the woodwork in the closing stages as Gladesville laid siege to the Yugal goal.

It was yet another score draw for Gladesville who have now drawn games in this fashion seven times from fifteen appearances.

The upset of the day was Dulwich Hill's defeat by Central Coast at Arlington Oval.

Having been disappointed to go down 1-0 at Mount Druitt on Thursday night, it could not have been a thrilling prospect to meet the unbeaten leaders on their own turf three days later.

The 2-1 win to the visitors was indeed a shock. Coast took the lead through a penalty by skipper Dale Eggleton, after a terrific build up ended with Andrew Ollier on his back in the

box. Madeira responded almost immediately with a superb 35 metre free kick from wide on the left which prompted Central Coast coach Jim Foley to quip that the scorer Zaya Jabrael should have been in Italy rather than humble Arlington.

Coast's in-form striker Jason Gribble notched the winner with a corker of a shot from 25 metres in the 66th which dipped late giving Kevin Farrar no chance.

Further chances to Gribble and Paul Corbett went begging as 'Hill attacked desperately without success in the dying stages.

The win puts Central Coast into the top four for the first time and leaves Dulwich Hill once more level with Southern Districts.

RESULTS
Gladesville-Hornsby 2 (G. Williamson, Mamo) Auburn Yugal 2 (Apanian, Pettenon), Dulwich Hill Madeira 1 (Jabrael) Central Coast 2 (Eggleton pen, Gribble), Petersham-Lusitanos 1 (Parry pen) Mount Druitt 2 (Close, Campbell), Manly-Warringah 4 (Morosini, Turpin 3) Rosebery Portugal 1 (Erkin Osman pen), Granville-Chile 0 Southern Districts 1 (Tasdemir), Waverley 5 (Ronen 2, Walker, Berry, Johnson o.g.) Orange Waratah 0, Fairfield City 0 Campbelltown Vikings 0.

LEADING SCORERS: 10 Paul Harriott, Sep Disch, Dennis Duarte, 9 Andy Ferris, Barry Walker, 7 Graeme Williamson, Gerkin Tasdemir, 6 Mark Butler, 5 Remy Gallo-way, Paul Pettenon, Gary Hastie, Leo Ulloa, Darren Stephenson, Ray Carney, Jason Gribble, 4 Nello Borges, Stephen Hooper, Oskar Selik, Max Defellicibus, Steve Karavatakis, Chris Butt, Bilal Serbas, Tiz Morosini.

Hajduk wins last match

BY TONY HARPER OF AAP

YUGOSLAVIAN first division side Hajduk Split scored a 2-0 win over a Sydney Croatia soccer team branded too respectful by its coach, Tony Vrzina, at the Croatian Sports Ground on Sunday.

Split scored second-half goals through dazzling midfielder Marin Lalic and Ante Mise to round off its Australian tour.

Mise grabbed the first when Sydney's defence held off overlapping defender Grgica Kovac.

Kovac sent a curling ball from the right into the path of Dean Racuvica, who squared across the six-yard box to an unmarked Mise.

The first was a soft ball conceded because of hesitancy at the back of Croatia's defence but the second was down to the dainty skills of Lalic.

He was the smallest player on the field yet had the most affinity with it, confusing the Sydney players with his touches and speed across the surface.

Lalic quickly brought a ball from Igor Stimach under control, seethed past two defenders and

left Sydney goalkeeper Tony Franken no chance with the delicate shot.

Sydney had its chances and Vrzina said that a draw would have been a fitting compliment for his side.

"The first one was an easy goal but apart from that we held them well



Graham Arnold goes up for a header in the Hajduk Split game at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday — Pic: H. Carrasco.

at the back," he said. "We should have scored a couple ourselves but our goalkeeper Mladen Pralija easily had his best game in Australia

Singapore offers for Olympic stars

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC's dynamic strike duo, Alistair Edwards and Abbas Saad, have taken the Malaysian National Soccer League by storm.

They are currently on loan to Singapore, which now desperately wants to buy them outright.

Since joining Singapore they have helped lift the team from fifth position to second.

In a match last week Singapore trailed a goal down early, but then Edwards and Saad took over and cracked in two goals each for a Singapore 4-1 win.

Edwards and Saad are due back in Sydney in October as stipulated in their contract.

But Singapore's urgency in seeking their services is compounded by the fact that the club is now seriously chasing the League championship and the play-offs do not end till December.

But this does not suit Sydney Olympic because by December they would have missed the first 10 NSL rounds back in Australia.

Edwards and Saad are both insured for \$200,000 by Singapore, a condition insisted upon by Sydney Olympic prior to their lease to Asia.

Sydney Olympic president George Pashalis was contacted over the week-end by Singaporean officials seeking the purchase of Edwards and Saad.

Mr Pashalis told us: "I can't make any comment at this stage because first I have to discuss it with our coach Mick Hickman and then bring it up before my board of directors."

It is believed to be unlikely that the club would accept an offer to purchase these valuable players.

Sydney created the only two promising

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NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Dulwich Hill	14	9	4	1	29	9	22
Southern Dist.	14	10	2	2	29	14	22
Camp'town Vik.	15	7	4	4	28	23	18
Fairfield City	15	5	8	2	20	15	18
Central Coast	16	8	2	6	21	20	18
Petersham	15	4	8	3	15	15	16
Granville Chile	16	6	3	7	20	24	15
Waverley	13	5	4	4	21	16	14
Manly W'gah	15	5	4	6	21	16	14
Gl'ville H'by	16	3	7	6	21	28	13
Rosebery	13	5	2	6	23	26	12
Mt Druitt Town	15	4	4	7	14	19	12
Auburn Yugal	15	3	5	7	14	19	11
Orange War	16	0	3	13	11	43	3

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 2

Southern Dist.	14	13	1	0	38	8	27
Granville Chile	16	11	2	3	32	19	24
Rosebery	14	9	2	3	34	16	20
Dulwich Hill	14	8	2	4	30	14	18
Manly W'gah	15	7	4	4	43	31	18
Central Coast	16	8	2	6	39	35	18
Gl'ville H'by	15	7	3	5	35	25	17
Camp'town Vik.	15	7	3	5	24	18	17
Waverley	13	5	2	6	21	25	12
Fairfield City	15	5	1	9	17	27	11
Mt Druitt Town	15	3	3	9	25	33	9
Petersham	15	2	3	10	14	33	7
Auburn Yugal	15	2	3	10	20	50	7
Orange W'gah	16	0	3	13	9	47	3

STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 1

Mt Pritchard	8	6	2	0	19	4	14
Hills United	11	5	3	2	23	12	13
Port Hacking	8	6	0	2	17	10	12
Lemnos Allstars	10	5	2	3	15	11	12
Cyprus United	9	5	1	3	20	11	11
Bankstown	9	3	5	1	16	9	11
Bathurst 75	9	5	0	4	14	10	10
West Wanderers	10	4	1	5	17	18	9
Uni of NSW	10	3	2	5	12	23	8
North Ryde RSL	10	2	2	6	14	21	6
Concordia	10	1	2	7	4	19	4
Canterbury & Dist.	10	2	0	8	7	28	4

STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 2

Mt Pritchard	8	7	1	0	32	10	15
Cyprus United	9	5	3	1	28	8	13
Canterbury & Dist.	10	5	2	2	24	10	13
Bankstown	9	6	1	2	16	9	13
Uni of NSW	10	6	1	3	22	18	13
Hills United	11	4	5	2	13	12	13
Lemnos Allstars	10	5	2	3	18	10	12
Port Hacking	8	2	3	3	6	14	7
West Wanderers	10	2	1	7	18	25	5
North Ryde RSL	10	0	4	6	5	17	4
Bathurst 75	9	2	0	7	23	4	4
Concordia	10	0	2	8	4	37	2

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 1

Trasandinos	11	7	1	3	26	13	15
SSC Zagreb	10	6	1	3	26	14	13
Hajduk Rangers	11	5	3	2	23	13	13
Spanish Club	12	6	1	5	28	21	13
Arncliffe	11	4	4	3	22	15	12
Concord Juniors	10	5	2	3	16	12	12
Nineveh Eagles	10	5	2	3	14	10	12
Colo Colo	10	5	1	4	14	13	11
Belmore Hercules	8	4	0	4	17	12	8
Hawkesbury Dist.	9	3	2	4	7	10	8
Croatia Syd Jnrs	10	0	2	8	7	48	2
Rooty Hill Gunner	8	0	1	7	5	24	1

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 2

Trasandinos	12	7	2	3	22	12	16
SSC Zagreb	10	6	1	3	26	11	14
Nineveh Eagles	10	6	2	2	17	13	14
Concord Juniors	10	6	1	3	23	9	13
Spanish Club	12	6	1	5	25	18	13

STATE LEAGUE ONE

Sydney Olympic v Avala	1-3	1-3
Rockdale Ilinden v Sydney Macedonia	1-1	0-1
Canberra Croatia v BHP Austral	2-0	1-1
Wollongong City v Marconi	3-1	2-1

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE B

Canterbury v Wollongong Mac	1-2	1-2
St George v Polonia	1-0	1-5
Blacktown City v Inter Mcnaro	6-0	2-1

STATE LEAGUE TWO

Waverley v Orange Waratah	5-0	1-0
Manly Warringah v Rosebery	4-1	2-1
Dulwich Hill v Central Coast	1-2	2-1
Gladesville H'by v Auburn Yugal	2-2	2-2
Granville Chile v Southern Dist	0-1	0-1
Fairfield City v Campbelltown	0-0	0-1
Petersham v Mt Druitt Town	1-2	2-4

FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE

Concordia v Mt Pritchard	0-1	1-5
Port Hacking v North Ryde	3-1	0-0
Bathurst v Canterbury & Dist	5-0	0-4
Cyprus United v West Wanderers	4-1	7-1
Hills United v Uni of NSW	5-0	1-2
Lemnos Allstars v Bankstown	1-1	0-1

FEDERATION LEAGUE FOUR

Hawkesbury v Arncliffe	0-3	1-1
Nineveh Eagles v Croatia Syd Jnrs	3-2	1-1
Rooty Hill v Trasandinos	1-3	2-1
Arncliffe v Concord Juniors	2-0	2-3
Spanish Club v Rangers Hajduk	2-0	1-3
Hawkesbury Dist v Belmore Hercules	2-0	1-1
SSC Zagreb v Colo Colo	0-1	2-1
Trasandinos v Rooty Hill Gunners	5-0	2-1

FEDERATION LEAGUE FIVE

Macquarie Uni v WD Hellas	1-1	2-1
Alexander v GNS United	1-0	4-1
Sydney Uni v Prospect Utd	5-4	2-2
Maccabi Hakoah v Sporting Peru	2-3	0-0
Ashour Star v CSI Schofields	2-3	2-0
Lithgow Workmen v Chile Sports	2-1	0-2

FEDERATION LEAGUE SIX

St Josephs v Fogolar Furlan	3-2	0-3
Balmain v Penrith	2-0	1-1
Pagewood Botany v Cobreloa	3-1	5-0
Liverpool Oly v Assyrian	1-0	10-0
Liverpool City v Pontian Eagles	2-0	6-1
New Welcome v Abruzzi	0-0	1-0

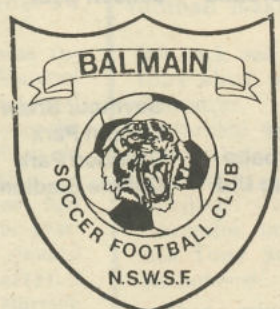
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Melita Eagles v Illawarra	4-0	
Liverpool v Mt Druitt Town	2-3	
Epping Eastwood v North Ryde	0-2	

STATE WOMENS LEAGUE: TWO

Melita Eagles v Gladesville Ravens	1-2	
Epping Eastwood v North Ryde	2-1	

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE	MELB CITY	MORWELL	5
VICTORIAN LEAGUE	ST ALBANS	HEIDELBERG U.	6
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VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	MORWELL	THOMASTOWN	2	1-1*
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	ESSENDON	MORRISVILLE	3	3-0
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	KNOX CITY	SANDRINGHAM	4	2-0
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	OAKLEIGH	DOVETON	5	0-2
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	DANDENONG	KEILOR	6	0-4
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	DOONCASTER	CHELSEA	7	0-2
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	BRIGHTON	RICHMOND	8	0-1
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	SUNBURY UTD.	RINGWOOD U.	9	3-0
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	CLIFTON HILL	MUNWALDING	10	1-1*
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	COBURG	WAVERTLEY	11	1-1*
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	COBURG UTD.	ALTONA CITY	12	1-2
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	ELTHAM UTD.	MORRISVILLE	13	2-0
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	HEIDELBERG C.	CLAYTON	14	1-0
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	BENTLEIGH	SEAFORD UTD.	15	0-0
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	HOLLAND PK.	SPRINGVALE U.	16	2-0
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	CLAYTON	YARRAVILLE	17	1-0
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	LALOR UTD.	MORRISVILLE	18	3-2
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	LANGWARRIN	SPRING CONG.	19	1-1*
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	BORONIA	REGENT	20	0-4
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	HAMLYN	PASCOE VALE	21	2-5
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	EAST BRUNN. U.	MORELAND	22	1-1*
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	HAMTHORN	OAKLEIGH SUBS.	23	1-2
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	KARANGALL	ROSAHAN	24	1-0
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	FERNDAL	YALLOURA	25	1-1*
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	HELLAS	AZZURRI	26	3-1
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	WOODVILLE	ADELAIDE C.	27	2-1
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	CUMBERLAND	SALISBURY	28	0-1
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	MODBURY	LEON GRANGE	29	1-1*
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	POLONIA	PT ADELAIDE	30	3-1
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	MT BIRKALLA	CROATIA	31	1-2
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	BLACKWOOD	SEAFORD	32	4-0
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	CAMPBELLTOWN	PARA HILLS	33	1-0
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	CENTRAL DIST.	ONIONIA	34	0-0
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	EMFIELD	OLYMPIANS	35	1-2
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	ROCKINGHAM	ELIZABETH	36	0-0
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	ULMERSTONE	OLYMPIC	37	0-3
VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1	LALINGSTON	ST. LEONARD	38	11-2

THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 16/6/90 — WEEK 255

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED															
1	26	32	38	16	30	47	35	47	6	0	17	2	13	3	13
2	46	58	51	52	46	49	51	46	5	0	0	4	6	7	6
3	50	47	36	53	48	53	53	48	4	3	0	2	4	0	1
4	49	55	53	62	58	73	55	52	0	12	8	10	0	3	1
5	50	67	58	65	54	53			5	3	7	13	2	4	

Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 255 SAT 16 JUNE, 1990

Total Prize Pool is \$207,774.96
Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 10, 11, 19, 22, 25, 29.
Supplementary Number: 2

Division 1
No winner. Jackpot next week to an est \$300,000.00
Division 2
The Prize Pool is \$4,155.50
1 provisional winner of NSW.
Division 3
The Prize Pool is \$12,467.00
70 winners of \$178.10ea

Division 4
The Prize Pool is \$31,195.80
2,862 winners of \$10.90ea
Division 5
The Prize Pool is \$24,903.40
3,037 winners of \$8.20ea

VICTORIA

VIC. DIV. 1															
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Oakleigh	9	6	2	1	21	11	14	4
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Westgate	9	6	1	2	22	6	13	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Doveton	9	6	1	2	14	5	13	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Port Melb.	9	5	3	1	10	6	12	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Knox City	9	5	2	2	19	14	12	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Springvale	9	5	2	2	19	14	12	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Mordialloc	9	3	3	3	7	9	9	9
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Werribee	9	3	3	3	7	9	9	9
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Western Sub	9	2	4	3	10	11	8	8
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Marib. Pol	9	1	5	3	14	18	7	7
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Essendon	9	1	4	4	9	15	6	6
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Broadmeadows	9	2	0	7	7	15	4	4
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Nth Geelong	9	1	1	7	11	19	3	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Sandringham	9	1	1	7	7	21	3	3

VIC. DIV. 2

VIC. DIV. 2															
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Bell Park	9	4	5	0	13	7	13	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Brighton	9	6	1	2	16	13	13	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Doncaster	9	5	2	2	19	13	12	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Clifton Hill	9	5	2	2	11	7	12	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Waverley	9	4	2	3	15	9	10	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Chelsea	9	4	2	3	18	16	10	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Dandenong	9	4	1	4	18	15	9	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Keilor	9	4	1	3	13	10	9	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Geelong	9	4	1	4	15	15	9	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Nunawading	9	2	4	3	12	16	8	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Sunbury	9	3	1	5	16	17	7	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Coburg	9	2	1	5	9	15	5	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Richmond	9	1	2	6	14	4	4	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Ringwood	9	0	3	6	6	22	3	3

VIC. DIV. 3

VIC. DIV. 3															
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Bentleigh	9	6	2	1	19	9	14	4
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Seaford	9	6	0	3	19	12	12	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Clayton	9	5	2	2	12	5	12	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Altona City	9	5	2	2	22	18	12	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Holland Park	9	4	2	3	18	12	10	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Corio/Geelong	9	3	4	2	16	12	10	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Moorabbin	9	4	2	3	11	12	10	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Heidelberg	9	2	5	2	7	9	9	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Mornington	9	4	0	5	16	15	8	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Lalor United	9	2	4	3	13	14	8	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Clayton	9	1	5	3	11	15	7	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Eltham	9	1	3	5	7	12	5	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Yarraville	9	1	3	5	16	15	5	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Springvale Utd	9	1	2	6	7	22	4	3

VIC. DIV. 4

VIC. DIV. 4															
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Oakleigh	9	7	1	1	22	10	15	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Hawthorn	9	6	1	2	20	6	13	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Regent	9	5	3	1	22	10	13	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pascoe Vale	9	5	3	1	22	13	13	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	East Bruns/Ivan	9	5	3	1	16	7	13	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Spring Condors	9	5	3	1	15	5	11	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Langwarrin	9	4	2	3	11	9	10	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Karingal Utd	9	3	3	3	13	17	9	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	More Park Rang	9	3	2	4	12	17	8	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Hamlyn Rangers	9	2	3	4	6	15	7	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Fernree Gully	9	1	4	4	10	17	6	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Boronia	9	1	3	5	8	21	5	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Rosanna	9	0	2	7	11	25	2	3
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Yallourn	9	0	1	8	8	24	1	3

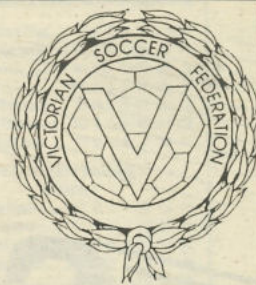
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VIC SENIORS

VIC STATE RESERVES	
H.Berg Utd.	21 16 3 2 46 12 35
Altona Gate	21 14 5 2 56 14 33
Moorwell	21 14 4 3 40 19 32
B.Wick Juventus	21 13 4 4 58 20 30
Fawkner	21 12 2 7 55 30 26
Thomastown	20 10 6 4 40 22 26
N.Cote City	21 12 2 7 46 30 26
St Albans	20 11 1 8 22 19 23
R.Wood City	21 10 2 9 34 31 22
Bulleen	21 6 8 7 34 31 18
Caulfield	21 9 0 12 34 36 18
Croydon City	20 7 3 10 29 35 17
Box Hill	21 6 3 12 25 35 15
Green Gully	21 5 5 11 29 46 15
F.Ston Pines	21 4 4 13 36 62 12
M.Bour City	20 3 3 14 19 77 9
Mooroolbark	21 1 6 14 9 48 8
Albion	21 2 3 16 16 61 7

VIC DIV ONE FIRSTS

Springvale City	12 8 2 2 21 17
Knox City	12 7 3 2 22 17 18
Westgate	12 7 3 2 28 13 16
Oakleigh	12 7 2 3 23 14 16
Doveton	12 7 2 3 18 9 16
Port Melbourne	12 5 6 1 14 9 16
Essendon City	12 5 4 4 16 11 11
Mordialloc	12 4 3 5 9 12 11
Western Suburbs	12 2 6 4 14 17 10
Maribou	12 2 5 5 20 25 9
Werribee	12 3 3 6 9 14 9
Nth. Geelong	12 2 3 2 17 21 8
Broadmeadows	12 2 2 7 11 18 8
Sandringham	12 1 1 10 25 3

VIC DIV ONE RESERVES

Doveton	12 9 3 0 29 9 21
Port Melbourne	12 8 3 1 31 11 19
Oakleigh	12 7 4 1 20 9 18
Nth. Geelong	12 7 2 3 30 16 16
Maribou	12 5 4 4 18 18 13
Knox City	12 4 4 4 24 28 12
Broadmeadows	12 5 2 5 24 30 12
Werribee	12 3 5 4 28 21 11
Essendon City	12 3 4 5 15 16 10
Springvale City	12 3 3 5 12 14 9
Westgate	11 2 4 5 13 34 8
Sandringham	11 2 2 7 10 22 6
Mordialloc	11 2 4 7 15 33 6
Western Suburbs	12 1 3 8 17 28 5

VIC DIV TWO FIRSTS

Brighton	12 8 1 3 21 16 17
Bell Park	11 4 7 10 13 7 15
Doncaster	12 5 4 3 12 17 14
Clifton Hill	12 5 4 3 12 10 14
Kellor	11 6 1 4 20 12 13
Waverley City	12 5 3 4 20 13 13
Sunbury United	12 5 2 5 23 20 12
Geelong	12 5 2 5 17 16 12
Cheltenham	12 5 2 5 21 21 12
Dandenong	12 5 2 5 20 20 12
Nunawading City	12 2 6 16 22 10
Coburg	12 2 6 15 11 16 8
Richmond	12 2 4 6 7 14 8
Ringwood Utd.	12 0 4 8 10 28

VIC DIV TWO RESERVES

Kellor	11 8 3 0 35 9 19
Doncaster	12 6 4 2 27 10 16
Clifton Hill	11 7 2 2 24 9 16
Sunbury United	12 5 4 2 16 10 14
Brighton	12 7 2 3 19 14 16
Waverley City	12 6 2 4 28 17 14
Dandenong	12 6 2 4 18 13 14
Richmond	12 5 2 5 32 24 12
Bell Park	11 5 1 5 20 14 11
Nunawading City	12 4 2 4 19 17 10
Geelong	10 2 3 5 17 20 7
Coburg	11 3 0 8 15 31 6
Cheltenham	12 1 1 10 7 55 3
Ringwood Utd.	12 1 0 11 4 40 2

VIC DIV THREE FIRSTS

Bentleigh Green	12 8 3 1 24 9 19
Altona City	12 8 2 2 27 20 18
Holland Park	12 6 3 3 24 13 15
Clarendon	12 6 3 3 14 7 15
Seaford United	12 6 2 4 22 18 14
Corio-Geelong	12 4 5 3 22 18 13
Heidelberg City	12 4 3 5 14 19 11
Mooroolbark	12 4 3 5 14 19 10
Eltham Valley	12 3 4 5 16 18 10
Lalor United	12 2 6 4 14 18 10
Clayton	12 2 6 4 17 21 9
Yarraville	12 1 4 7 6 19 6
Springvale Utd.	12 2 2 8 8 28 6

VIC DIV THREE RESERVES

Mooroolbark City	12 9 2 1 41 13 20
Lalor United	12 8 3 1 20 10 19
Altona City	12 8 0 4 26 20 15
Clarendon	12 7 1 4 25 21 15
Springvale Utd.	12 6 3 3 21 16 15
Clayton	12 6 2 4 27 11 15
Eltham Valley	12 5 1 6 25 22 11
Mitcham United	12 5 1 6 21 23 9
Bentleigh Green	12 3 4 5 23 30 14
Yarraville	12 4 1 7 15 26 9
Heidelberg City	12 3 2 7 20 28 8
Springvale Utd.	11 3 1 7 29 29 7
Corio-Geelong	12 2 2 8 12 38 6
Holland Park	11 2 1 8 21 40 5

VIC DIV FOUR FIRSTS

Pascoe Vale	12 8 3 1 31 17 19
Oakleigh Subs.	12 8 3 1 27 14 19
Regent	12 7 3 2 31 12 17
East Bruns-Ivan	12 6 5 1 22 9 17
Spring Condors	12 7 2 3 24 10 16
Hawthorn	12 7 2 3 23 9 16
Karingal Utd.	12 5 3 4 20 21 13
More Park Rang.	12 4 4 4 16 20 12
Langwarrin	12 4 3 5 12 15 11
Hamlyn Rangers	12 2 5 5 11 23 9
Ferntree Gully	12 1 6 5 13 23 8
Boronia	12 1 3 8 10 29 5
Yallourn	12 1 2 9 12 30 4
Rosanna	12 0 2 10 11 31 2

VIC DIV FOUR RESERVES

East Bruns-Ivan	12 10 1 1 30 11 21
Spring Condors	12 9 2 1 39 9 20
Langwarrin	12 9 1 2 34 8 19
Hamlyn Rangers	12 8 2 2 28 14 18
Karingal Utd.	12 7 2 3 33 12 16
More Park Rang.	12 4 6 2 18 14 14
Pascoe Vale	12 4 3 5 12 20 11
Oakleigh Subs.	11 4 1 6 22 18 9
Hawthorn	12 4 1 7 24 32 12
Boronia	11 2 5 4 8 16 9
Ferntree Gully	12 2 4 6 12 24 8
Rosanna	11 2 2 7 11 20 6
Regent	10 1 9 6 25 1
Yallourn	11 0 1 10 2 56 1

VIC PROV ONE FIRSTS

Cranbourne	12 9 2 1 17 3 20
Malvern City	12 6 4 2 18 11 16
South Dandenong	12 6 3 3 32 16 15
Nth. Sunshine	12 5 5 2 18 11 15
Altona East	12 6 3 3 14 9 15
South Werribee	12 6 2 4 34 20 12
Williamstown	12 3 8 1 18 16 14
Forest Hill	12 5 2 5 22 16 12
East Geelong	12 3 6 3 13 13 12
Westvale	13 2 7 4 9 19 11
Brunswick City	13 2 6 5 12 23 10
Melton	12 3 3 6 17 19 9
Berwick City	12 2 5 5 13 17 9
Mossfield Rangers	12 1 3 8 11 29 5
Keyborough	12 1 3 8 9 35 5

VIC PROV ONE RESERVES

Malvern City	11 9 1 1 40 21 19
South Dandenong	11 8 1 2 30 16 17
Westvale	13 6 2 2 10 15 17
Nth. Sunshine	11 6 2 3 19 8 14
Altona East	11 6 2 3 27 20 14
Williamstown	12 6 2 4 21 22 14
Cranbourne	12 5 2 5 33 27 12
Mossfield Rangers	12 5 2 5 18 12 12
Melton	12 2 7 3 12 19 11
South Werribee	11 4 2 5 22 24 10
Berwick City	12 4 2 6 24 28 10
East Geelong	12 4 2 6 18 27 10
Forest Hill	12 1 3 8 16 27 5
Keyborough	12 2 1 9 10 26 5

VIC PROV TWO FIRSTS

Frankton Utd.	14 12 1 1 40 21 25
Sth. Springvale	14 11 2 1 34 9 24
Ascot St. Marks	14 10 2 2 30 13 22
Meadow Park	14 10 1 3 29 21 21
Lalor	14 7 4 3 27 14 18
Lyndale Utd.	14 8 2 4 30 21 18
Ballaarat	14 8 2 4 24 15 18
Waverley Utd.	14 5 2 7 19 17 12
Brintons	14 5 2 7 18 25 12
Brandon Park	14 3 5 6 15 19 11
Fitzroy City	14 3 4 7 15 20 10
Port United	14 3 2 9 15 30 8
Kew Eagles	14 2 3 9 16 41 7
Uni. of Melb.	14 1 4 14 28 6
South Yarra	14 1 4 9 11 29 6
Rimwood Rovers	14 2 2 10 13 36 6

VIC PROV TWO RESERVES

Sth. Springvale	14 9 2 3 27 14 20
Meadow Park	13 8 3 2 31 22 19
Ballaarat	14 7 4 3 39 17 17
Ascot St. Marks	14 8 1 5 31 20 17
Frankton Utd.	13 7 3 3 15 17 15
Lalor	14 6 3 5 31 18 15
Uni. of Melb.	14 6 3 5 22 17 15
Lyndale Utd.	13 6 3 4 21 18 15
Waverley Utd.	14 6 2 6 24 33 14
Fitzroy City	14 6 1 7 29 36 13
Port United	13 6 1 7 18 23 13
South Yarra	14 5 2 7 27 30 12
Ringwood Rovers	14 4 4 6 18 28 12
Brandon Park	14 3 3 8 20 28 9
Brintons	14 3 3 8 14 23 9
Kew Eagles	14 0 2 12 10 47 2

VIC PROV THREE FIRSTS

Mentone Utd.	14 9 2 3 30 12 20
Wantima	14 9 1 4 31 12 19
East Richmond	14 7 5 2 36 18 19
Hampton Park	14 9 1 4 28 14 19
Carrum United	14 8 3 3 34 18 19
St. Kilda	14 7 4 3 32 13 13
Monbulk	14 5 5 4 26 21 15
Glenroy	14 7 1 6 23 27 14
Mitcham United	14 4 6 4 26 20 14
Nth. Clayton	14 6 2 6 17 16 14
Riversdale	14 3 5 6 17 24 11
Monbulk	14 4 2 8 24 30 10
Sunshine Park	14 4 2 8 15 28 10
Monash Uni.	14 3 3 8 21 33 9

VIC PROV THREE RESERVES

Mord. Sparrows	14 3 3 8 15 29 9
Beaumaris	14 1 1 12 13 53 3
Glenroy	14 11 1 2 42 17 23
Monash Uni.	14 8 5 1 29 13 21
Wantima	14 8 3 3 32 19 19
Riversdale	14 6 6 2 33 20 18
East Richmond	14 8 2 4 41 33 18
Monbulk	14 7 3 4 30 15 17
Batman United	14 7 3 4 34 26 17
Mentone United	13 5 3 5 31 25 13
Mitcham United	14 4 5 5 23 19 13
Hampton Park	14 5 3 6 25 23 13
Sunshine Park	14 6 1 7 24 22 13
St. Kilda	13 4 4 5 20 20 12
Mord. Sparrows	14 3 2 9 24 39 8
Nth. Clayton	14 3 2 9 16 41 8
Carrum United	14 3 0 11 16 49 6
Beaumaris	14 1 1 12 9 48 3

VIC AMAT ONE FIRSTS

Old Scotch	11 8 2 1 45 16 18
Waver. Wanderers	11 9 0 2 46 24 18
Hawthorn Utd.	11 6 2 3 29 17 12
Diggers Rest	11 4 4 3 20 13 12
Oakleigh Utd.	11 6 0 5 26 28 12
Collingwood	11 4 3 4 20 22 11
Northern Utd.	11 3 5 3 17 21 11
Kellor Utd.	11 3 5 3 23 27 9
Meadows Utd.	11 2 4 5 17 31 8
Latrobe Uni.	11 2 4 6 17 31 8
Balwyn	11 3 1 7 19 26 7
Phillip Inst.	11 1 2 8 21 44 4

VIC AMAT ONE RESERVES

Old Scotch	11 10 0 1 44 13 20
Waver. Wanderers	11 8 1 2 41 16 17
Waver. Wanderers	11 5 2 4 27 15 12
Collingwood	10 6 0 4 32 21 13
Kellor Utd.	10 5 2 3 20 26 12
Hawthorn Utd.	11 4 3 4 18 23 11
Oakleigh Utd.	11 4 2 5 23 26 10
Diggers Rest	11 4 2 5 26 34 10
Phillip Inst.	11 2 4 5 19 28 8
Meadows Utd.	11 2 4 5 18 28 8
Latrobe Uni.	11 1 4 6 17 33 6
Northern Utd.	11 1 2 8 16 38 4

VIC AMAT TWO FIRSTS

Malvern Lennox	11 9 1 1 27 11 19
Inter City	11 7 3 1 27 9 17
Cretan	11 5 6 0 28 12 16
Maccabi	11 7 2 2 28 15 16
Upfield	11 5 3 3 32 22 13
Endeavour Hills	11 4 3 4 25 17 11
Melb. Uni.	11 4 3 4 22 21 11
R.M.I.T.	11 4 1 6 17 25 9
Camb. Grammar	11 2 4 5 12 22 8
Diamond Valley	11 3 1 7 16 25 7
Concorde	11 1 2 8 15 37 4
Furlan	11 0 1 10 8 41 1

VIC AMAT TWO RESERVES

Melb. Uni.	11 7 3 1 41 6 17
Maccabi	11 5 6 0 33 14 16
Upfield	11 6 3 2 37 27 15
Cretan	11 5 5 1 25 15 15
Inter City	11 5 4 2 37 17 14
Camb. Grammar	11 4 4 3 19 21 12
Malvern Lennox	11 4 3 4 23 27 11
Diamond Valley	11 3 3 5 16 18 18
Furlan	11 3 2 6 19 28 8
R.M.I.T.	11 2 4 5 14 27 8
Endeavour Hills	11 1 5 5 19 24 7
Concorde	11 0 1 11 6 65 0

VIC JUNIORS

UNDER 11	
Brighton	7 6 1 0 34 5 13
Caulfield City	7 5 1 1 36 10 11
Beaumaris	7 5 1 1 30 10 11
Sandringham	6 3 2 1 20 7 8
Maccabi	6 3 0 3 13 9 6
East Richmond	6 2 2 2 20 6 6
Melbourne City	6 2 1 3 8 9 5
East Bentleigh	6 2 1 3 8 16 5
Oakleigh Suburbs	6 2 1 3 11 24 5
Bentleigh Greens	7 1 0 6 11 30 2
Maccabi B	2 0 2 2 1 10 0
Mordialloc	6 0 0 6 0 31 0

VIC JUNIORS

EASTERN A	
Springvale City A	6 6 0 0 38 3 12
Nitham United	6 5 1 0 25 1 11
Mooroolbark A	7 3 1 3 16 13 7
Brunswick Utd Juv.	3 0 0 0 10 1 6
Knox Eagles	7 2 2 3 16 17 6
Berwick A	6 2 2 3 14 6 6
Doncaster Rovers	6 1 3 2 7 13 5
Monbulk	6 2 0 4 10 19 4
Seaford	6 2 0 4 15 23 2
Waverley Utd.	6 1 0 5 15 23 2
Clarendon	5 0 0 5 0 34 0

VIC JUNIORS

EASTERN B	
Glen Waverley	6 6 0 0 38 4 12
Bulleen	6 6 0 0 29 6 12
Springvale City B	7 4 2 1 26 12 10
Eltham	7 4 0 3 33 16 8
Hampton Park	7 4 0 3 31 12 8
Sherbrooke Rangers	7 3 0 4 19 25 8
Mooroolbark B	6 3 0 3 8 19 6
Berwick B	6 2 0 4 12 19 4
Ringwood City	6 1 1 4 8 20 3
Knox Hawks	7 1 0 6 10 39 2
Oakleigh	6 0 1 5 4 36 1

WESTERN

WESTERN						
Altona Gate	7	6	0	1	33	5 12
Altona City	7	5	1	1	34	10 11
Sunshine Heights	7	5	1	1	27	9 11
North Geelong	7	5	0	2	30	12 10
Melbourne Croatia	7	5	0	2	23	12 10
Albion	7	4	0	2	20	9 10
Sunshine George X	7	3	1	3	9	12 7
Sydenham Park	7	2	0	5	15	21 4
Yarraville	7	2	0	5	2	22 4
Werribee	7	1	0	6	7	28 2
Altona East	7	0	2	5	3	36 2
Melton	7	0	1	6	3	30 1
SOUTHERN						

Heidelberg, Croydon City dispute leadership

BY GREG BLAKE AND DAVID BULLOCK

MORWELL FALCONS 1 THOMASTOWN 1

Title-holder Morwell Falcons' wretched run of luck continued on Saturday when it was held to a 1-1 draw at home against a courageous Thomastown side.

Thomastown looked down and almost out before half time after losing player-coach Kenny Murphy with a groin injury after just 18 minutes play.

Morwell cut lose to carve out eight clear chances to three before the break, without breaking the scoreless deadlock and perplexed Morwell boss Bobby McLachlan was left scratching his head.

"I couldn't have asked for more in that first half — they couldn't have played better," McLachlan said of his charges.

"Last year we seemed to get the breaks our way.

"This year we're starting to get frustrated and when you panic a bit you let the other team back in."

Highlights of the game before the break were magnificent saves at both ends with Zoran Janakievski stopping a scorching drive from Morwell's Billy Wright, and Morwell second string keeper Alex Eacott producing an equally as sensational effort to thwart the visitors.

Thomastown made the most of its chance to take the game up to the home side and went ahead in the 52nd minute through Danny Zemanik.

Morwell equalised 10 minutes later with Sean Byrne putting away an Effie Cassar corner.

Byrne was later involved in a tangle with Thomastown's George Mihos, which resulted in Mihos being sent off for an early shower.

B. JUVENTUS 2 MELBOURNE JUST 0

"Now we're back in the hunt," were Brunswick Juventus' coach Terry Hennessey's words after his side downed Melbourne JUST 2-0 on Sunday.

It was Hennessey's first admission that his side is in with a shout for the 1990 title despite a barnstorming run from near bottom to third from top since he took over the side in the early stages of the season.

Sunday's result might have been different had



Paul Lewis — Heidelberg's top scorer.

JUST taken advantage of a flying start.

Carlos Retre was the main culprit as JUST frittered away early chances — an inglorious miss from three metres in the first five minutes sapping his confidence.

By the 20th minute Juve was starting to hit its straps and a glorious team goal 22 minutes in, set the scene for a vital victory.

Four one-touch passes down the field, involving Reno Minichiello, Steve Smith and Sean Lane, set up the match for Lane who ended the move with a deft chip over the goalkeeper.

JUST had its moments — a marvellous run by Davor Lasic early in the second half should have resulted in a goal to McMinimee.

As Hennessey conceded after the game: "They're a good side with one or two individuals who can really play a bit."

They were always in it."

Juve finally struck for its second goal just one minute from time with Lane's cross providing Smith with his 12th goal in only 16 appearances in the black and white.

HEIDELBERG 2 ALBION 0

Alibon's glorious run

to the head of the table is just a memory following the club's third defeat in four matches at the hands of Heidelberg on Sunday.

Albion, despite four new signings in as many weeks, has managed just a single point (against Box Hill) in its last four outings, and never looked a chance during Sunday's 2-0 defeat at the hands of the league top dogs.

A healthy crowd of nearly 1800 saw Heidelberg go for the jugular from the start but it had to wait until the 53rd minute to take the lead as Phil Stubbins headed home Alan Scott's free kick.

Nine minutes later a Scott corner was pushed on by Stuart Stevenson and Angie Goutzioulis volleyed home for 2-0.

Albion's last hopes for a comeback were dashed when Andrew Freund, in only his third game for the club since moving from South Melbourne, was sent off following an incident involving Garry McDowall.

Heidelberg top scorer Paul Lewis didn't take any further part in the game after half time after being taken to hospital following a clash with Donny MacLeod.

But Lewis has given

himself the all-clear for this week's double round.

"There was nothing in it, we just went for the ball at the same time," said Lewis.

"I was slightly concussed and just a bit dazed and I couldn't concentrate."

FAWKNER 1 MOOROOLBARK 2

In the upset result of round 21 Mooroolbark pulled itself back from a 5-0 drubbing at the hands of Heidelberg just six days beforehand to down high-riding Fawkner 2-1 at Jukes Road on Sunday.

Veteran Dave Brogan struck twice to sink a Fawkner side which has struggled all year to find its best form at home.

"We played rubbish and deserved to lose," said a Fawkner spokesman in a stinging attack.

"Yes, it was our worst performance of the season."

Much-maligned Mooroolbark stunned the home fans when Brogan struck for his first goal after just 20 minutes.

Fawkner rarely looked likely to threaten in an uninspiring display but the home gallery received some short-lived joy when Emmanuelle was up-en-

ded just outside the area in the 70th minute and Fawkner equalised from the free kick.

Claude Lucchesi's free kick went short to O'Dell and O'Dell pumped the ball inside to where Emmanuelle was on hand to deflect it home.

Mooroolbark's deserved winner came 13 minutes from time when Marchett lost a challenge to Graham French and French set up Brogan, who finished off neatly.

The win was a confidence booster for Mooroolbark which must face Croydon under lights at Esther Park tonight (Wednesday) at 7.30pm.

GREEN GULLY 3 RINGWOOD CITY 4

When these two sides last met at Green Gully Reserve in 1989, a total of seven goals were scored, with the home side scoring six of them.

Green Gully looked likely winners again in this fixture, but the battlers from Jubilee Park had other ideas.

Gully took the lead three minutes from half time when Jeff Faulkner made no mistake from the penalty spot.

They went two up early in the second half when Kevin Harrison fired home.

Suddenly Ringwood clawed their way back into the game when John Corvan bent a free kick around the wall, with the pressure building.

Ringwood equalised when Steve Walker nodded his header past the keeper.

This enthralling encounter took another twist when Aki Kotsamichaelis gave the home side back the lead, but Ringwood were not to be outdone.

The game was levelled up once again at 3-3 when Micky Maguire made sure of his penalty kick was right on target.

With ten minutes remaining, a goal mouth scramble resulted in an own goal, giving Ringwood the lead, both sides continued to attack at all costs.

But time ran out for Gully to get the equaliser and in a major upset of the round, Ringwood proved they are not done for the 1990 season.

CAULFIELD 2 ALTONA GATE 4

Not even a freak goal from Caulfield keeper

Dean Anastadiadis could stop vastly improving Altona Gate from taking the points in an entertaining encounter.

With only five minutes of the game gone, Caulfield took the lead in sensational circumstances.

Anastadiadis's kick was carried down field by the strong gusty wind. Altona keeper Sashi Kociski, who was not fully concentrating, could only stare in amazement as the ball bounced into the back of his net.

Altona got back on level terms 20 minutes into the first half when Gary McMullen headed home his ninth goal of the season.

Then one minute from the half time break, Goran Georgevski gave Altona the lead, latching onto a well struck first time shot.

Con Pappas brought back the scoreline to 2-2 when he scored his 13th goal of the season from the penalty spot.

Altona took back the lead through an own goal. Then five minutes from full time Mitrovski made the game safe for the visitors when he headed powerfully from close range.

FRANKSTON PINES 2 NORTHCOTE 1

Frankston Pines bounced back from their 6-0 drubbing by Brunswick Juventus last weekend to register a shock 2-1 victory over inconsistent Northcote City.

With both teams locked at 0-0 at half time, Northcote came out firing in the second half to take the lead.

Jimmy Constantinou's shot was placed sweetly beyond a hapless Pines Keeper, Lee Davies.

Suddenly the Pines team showed some much needed drive and completely took over proceedings.

Steve Keenan got the game side back on level terms midway through the half, cleverly back heeling the ball into the net.

Doug Hodgson gave Pines their second victory of the season when he headed the ball home into the left hand corner of the goal to the delight of the Pines' loyal fans.

BULLEEN 2 BOX HILL 0

Bulleen, under new coach Andy Bozikas,

took the points in muddy conditions against bottom team Box Hill.

They took an early lead in the 11th minute when Alex Livingston converted from the penalty spot.

For the remainder of the first half, Bulleen took a strangle-hold on the game, but let themselves down with poor finishing.

Bulleen continued to assert their authority in the second half, and in the 73rd minute a Michael Branov corner kick was collected by Fabio Incantalupo, who scrambled the ball over the goal line.

In the 80th minute Branov was shownt he red card for his second bookable offence of the afternoon.

Alan Gentry resigned the Bulleen coaching post last week for personal reasons.

CROYDON 1 ST ALBANS 0

Croydon City's Dave Klepac scored a sensational goal two minutes into stoppage time in the second half to keep Croydon's title challenge very much alive.

Town Park, renowned for its poor playing surface, made the game a scrappy affair, with both sides evenly matched in all departments.

When the game looked headed to end in a draw, Dave Klepac latched onto a rebound outside the penalty area to thunder home a powerful drive, much to the disappointment of 11 St Albans players on the field.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES — ROUND 22

Wednesday: Mooroolbark v Croydon.

Saturday: Albion v Caulfield, Altona Gate v Bulleen, Green Gully v B. Juventus, Melbourne JUST v Morwell Fal's, St Albans v Heidelberg, Northcote v Fawkner, Ringwood v Frankston P's.

ROUND 23

Sunday: Box Hill v Caulfield, Brunswick Juv v Morwell, Albion v Croydon, Altona Gate v Heidelberg, Thomastown v Bulleen, Northcote v Green Gully, Ringwood v Melbourne JUST, St Albans v Fawkner, Mooroolbark v Frankston Pines.

LEADING SCORERS: Lewis (Heid) 14, Pappas (Caul) 13, Smith (Juve) 12, McMullen (Alt) 9, Tuck (Bull) 7, Livingston (Bull) 7, Douglas (Alb) 7, Klepac (Croy) 7, Goutzioulis (Heid) 7, Anezakiak (N'Cote) 7.

THE PAPER THAT PRINTS ALL YEAR

Grim future if no Victorian reform

BY GREG BLAKE

IT is now history that, well intentioned or not, the lack of support by Victorian League clubs has seen to it that there is little or no chance of a Victorian State "Super League" being formed, at least in the form proposed currently, in the near future.

My immediate reaction to the proposal to form such a league being rejected for the third time at a VSF special general meeting nearly two weeks ago was one of disappointment and disgust.

Disappointment that these clubs didn't see the absolute necessity to dramatically alter the current composition of the State League for the short term good of our much-maligned game.

And disgust at the attitudes projected by club delegates, in private of course.

The Victorian League has, made it quite clear that, as a body, it will not cop what it sees as a superficial attempt to kick the code along by forming the 'super league'.

But as the situation now stands, the Victorian League clubs might have hammered a nail into their own competition's future.

If, for example, a National League 'second division' was to be formed (and, mark my words, there is every chance of this happening) the Victorian League clubs would not be invited to have any involvement and would more than likely be left out of contention for the 'big time' forever and a day.

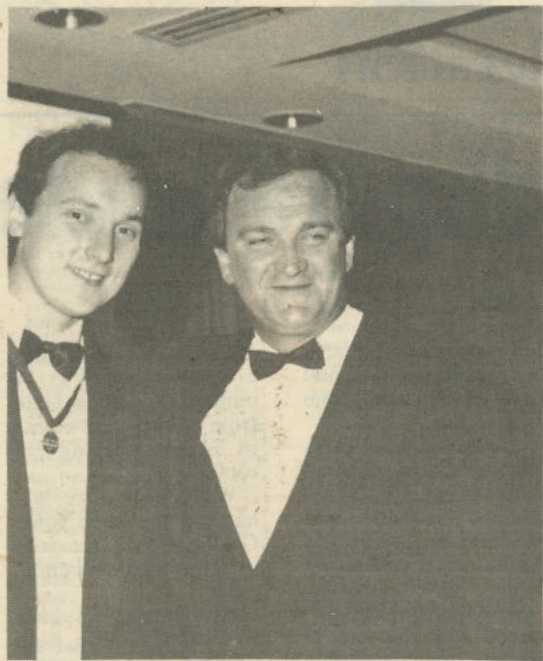
Such is the current animosity between the warring factions.

The Victorian League can be likened to a man pushing his wheelbarrow full of bricks up a steep hill in the hope of building his house at the summit.

Such is his determination that, as he is cresting the hill, he gives the barrow one final thrust and his barrow load careers over the top and goes crashing down the other side.

The Vic. League clubs were determined to use their 'super league' no votes as a lever to gain further representation on the VSF Board of Management.

In the long term the Vic Leaguers hoped to implement long-term plans for the complete re-structuring of soccer



John Dimtsis, VSF chairman, on a happier occasion with 1989 star Velimir Kupresak. Dimtsis well knows the improvement needed in his state.

in Victoria.

Very noble sentiments indeed.

The previous no vote on the 'super league' in April had the desired effect and a joint meeting between VSF heirarchy, NSL representatives, and representatives of State League, Victorian League, Provisional League and Amateur League clubs to discuss issues of reorganisation resulted.

Subsequent to that meeting the VSF Board of Management gave certain undertakings to the VLMC that issues discussed at that meeting would be further considered.

VLMC chairman Joe Dockerty even gave an impassioned speech to club members before the special general meeting two weeks ago, pointing out that progress had been made and that those undertakings had been made.

Despite compelling evidence suggesting that the Victorian League was being heard loud and clear this, apparently, was not sufficient to sway their judgement.

The 'super league', surely a priority matter, was given the thumbs down once again.

But this time the repercussions are unlikely to favour the stubborn Victorian League clubs.

Even if the NSL 'second division' idea doesn't get off the ground there is little chance of the Victorian League getting the other bodies back to the table for discussions, as they might have continued to do so given the mood prior to the most recent special general meeting.

Most of the Victo-

rian NSL and State League clubs are, you can be assured, no longer receptive to any input by the junior partner.

Which is in many ways a shame.

ASW requested copies of submissions drawn up by VLMC

Love, Ted Seward and Bart Harrold.

Of the trio ASW judged Harrold's to be the most representative of the ideas proposed in all three.

We re-print Bart Harrold's submission in full —

It is my belief that various changes need to take place within the VSF structure for the following reasons:

A. With the existing over governed multi-committee system no real progress is achieved without conflict.

B. We are failing to promote the game and continue to fall behind other sports (i.e. basketball, etc.)

C. We have reduced junior participation even in comparison to other less populated states.

D. Voting and board representation is not equal — thus making it possible for self-interest groups to manipulate the system.

E. The rules and regulations need to be reviewed and changed so that legal action is reduced to a minimum.

combined then number of board members should be the same.

1993 6 divisions of State / Vic. League combined. One club — one vote. National League have 1/3rd combined vote. To carry any changes to rules etc. requires 51% (in lieu of 75%). Change board to following composition:

One — National League
Two — State / Vic. combined
One — Juniors
One — Provisional / Country etc.
+ Chairman (non voting)

1994 5 divisions of State / Vic. League combined. One drops to Provisional where alteration is made to 4 x 14 team leagues. Board remains as per 1993.

1995 4 divisions of combined league. One further league drops to Provisional. One Provisional league drops to Amateur. Delegates are then appointed by their leagues on the following basis:

One — National League
Two — State Com-

of soccer administration. The commissioners, apart from future promotion and strategy of the game, would be responsible for the appointment of the Executive Director, (on a maximum 5 year contract basis) such a position being advertised as required. The commissioners should also have far wider decision making powers than is allowed under the current rules. The commissioners should be appointed on a 2 to 3 year term or negotiable.

As the foregoing requires many changes to the existing rules, all or any agreed amendments require legal drafting.

As I said, the shame of the whole affair (aside from the fact that the game down south is looking sicker and sicker as time goes by) is that now, given the animosity between the factions, even if the VLMC sub-committee has got some answers, very few will be prepared to listen.

I think my bottom line on the whole messy affair is that everyone involved in the game should start tomorrow morning by having a bloody good long look in the mirror and considering just what it is they are working for.

I have no doubt that many club delegates consider that if their own club is healthy then the rest can go to hell.

To them my message is get out of the

game now.

They all insist that they are working for the game itself and I have no doubt some of them are genuine in their desire to see the code progress.

But there are an equal number who only see the game as a platform from which they promote them-



Blake — plea for improvements.

selves or their own identity.

The message to all of them must be that, if the leagues and the competitions are healthy, it only stands to reason that they and their club will benefit in the long-term anyway.

The game doesn't owe us something.

And, more to the point, we do not own the game.

We are only looking after the game for future generations and I, for one, don't want to see our generation's legacy being a sport with no future.

Victorian soccer is just that right now.



Action in Melbourne! But unless the administrators get it right, soccer football will continue to suffer.

members outlining their suggestions for long-term changes in the set up of Victorian soccer.

Three submissions were drafted, each by a separate member of a VLMC special sub-committee formed to complete just such a task.

Submissions were received by Neilson

Some suggestions therefore are put forward below for discussion:

1991 (2x12) or (2x14) State League voting as per submission at meeting of 3.5.90

1992 Amend board structure to have representation in line with voting — that is, if total votes of Vic. League equal total votes of State League plus National League

bined League
One — Provisional
One — Amateur / Industrial
One — Country
One — Junior

These delegates deal with day to day problems of the various leagues. They also appoint a Chairman plus they appoint, outside this delegation, 3 non club aligned commissioners to run the business end

Weston leads Westy in Northern NSW

BY KEITH GILMOUR

WESTON is making a valiant attempt to pull off both the minor and major premierships in this season's Northern NSW First Division.

The famous old Coalfields club is just adrift of West Wallsend, the Bluebells having won their first round clash and Weston not having lost since then.

Weston won the grand final last season, but coach Derek Thompson now has his eyes on the coveted double.

Club official Jim Mate said: "The whole team is functioning well, with a lot of credit going to Dennis King and Brett Mehrton, both of whom excelled as Northern NSW representatives last year."

Weston plays on the neat Workers Club ground and rely on



their popular pre-season competition to help raise a fair proportion of the season's income.

Also in First Division are the Cessnock Hornets, which leads to some great local derbies.

Cessnock will soon occupy the revamped Turner Park, and aim to work in with the Cessnock Bowling Club to establish their future in the one complex.

As an extra bonus for the Coalfields, Maitland Magpies are heading up the Second Division.

The clubs all draw from the Hunter Association and the local Super League junior sides.

British media is not amused

ROME — The state of British soccer came under attack as the British media pilloried the poor performance of its team in the 1-1 draw with Eire.



England's Gary Lineker and Peter Beardsley embrace after Lineker scored against the Republic of Ireland.

"Artless, charmless, worthless," said the "Guardian."

"Britain sinking in a sea of insularity," thundered "The Thunderer", otherwise known as "The Times".

The tabloid "Sun" went as far as suggesting in a front page editorial that the England team, which drew 1-1 with Ireland on Monday in Sardinia, be brought home immediately before it caused any more shame.

"It was truly the most appalling performance by an England team in living memory," the Sun wrote.

"And how the world must have watched and laughed."

The attacks were not just confined to England, with the Scots having lost 1-0 to rank outsider Costa Rica, and Britain's near-neighbour Eire being criticised for its lack of skill and imagination.

The criticism centred

Empty seats

EMPTY places in World Cup grounds have annoyed Italian fans who were unable to buy tickets, but an organising committee spokesman said 90 per cent of the tickets had been sold.

The worst attended match so far was the encounter between the Soviet Union and Romania in Bari.

Only 25,000 fans turned up although organisers said 43,000 tickets had been sold.

"Many tickets were brought by foreign tour operators and companies as packages and there are always individual matches which do not interest visitors," said tournament director Luca di Montezemolo.

However, local fans feel frustrated at not being able to watch the World Cup.

Australian TV viewers have been able to see for themselves that many of the grounds were far from full.

on the fact that England's match against Eire had stained the World Cup by being far and away the most uninteresting and clumsy in a tournament which had already been graced by the dazzling skills of Italy, Brazil and West Germany.

"Pollution from Britain hangs in the clean air," wrote the "Independent".

"It was an awful advert for the insular British game," said the "Daily Telegraph".

"The Italians could be forgiven for believing there are two strains of the World Cup being played in their country... (such) was the paucity of skill and ingenuity."

British newspapers also printed the savage descriptions of their team's performances in the Italian press.

The sportspaper "Corriere Dello Sport" headlined its report "Painful English", while "La Gazzetta Dello Sport" labelled the game "anti-football".

CLUB BAN MAY STAY

THE president of UEFA, the governing body for European soccer, said that English teams only have a slight chance of being readmitted to European club competition next season.

Swede Lennart Johansson said it probably will not happen before the 1991-92 season.

"I'd give it a 10-per cent chance," Johansson said.

The draw for the three European club competitions is scheduled for July 11 in Bern, Switzerland.

The World Cup final is on July 8, with the quarterfinals on June 30 and July 1.

"There is so little time for the English authorities because I think England will reach the quarterfinals in the World Cup," he said.

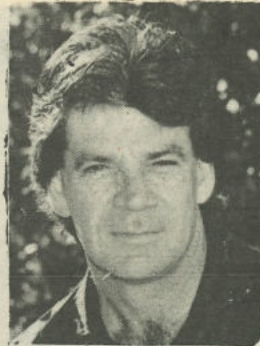
British government officials will have a few days to compile the report on the behaviour of the English fans. The report will then be presented to the British government.

UEFA decided last year to lift the ban as of next season on the condition that Britain adheres to FIFA regulations on English fans travelling abroad and other security matters.

"My personal opinion is unchanged," Johansson said. "Europe needs the English teams and the English teams need European competition."



JOHNNY WARREN COVERS THE WORLD CUP



Bergomi leads by example

ROME — At 26, Italy's captain Giuseppe Bergomi is not an old man by soccer standards. But to Italian fans, it seems like the tall rightback has been wearing the blue shirt of the Azzurri all his life.

He became the youngest member ever in the national squad in 1982, playing at a level that belied his 18 years as the Italians marched past Argentina, Brazil, Poland and West Germany to win the World Cup in Spain.

Since then, Bergomi has been the key player in an Italian defence that is regarded as the world's finest.

Inter player, has not doubts about the quality of his teammate.

"What kind of question is that?" asked the goalkeeper. "He's been playing in front of me the last eight years, I can't say I've ever been worried when he's out there."

Bergomi is no slouch on offense either. He often carries the ball up the flank before un-

vakia.

"I wanted to get an early start on my preparations for the match," he said.

The Italian team captain is optimistic about Italy's chances of reaching the Cup final on July 8.

"I think this team is more experienced than the 1982 championship squad," he said. "Four years later in Mexico,



The Italian squad goes through its paces at its World Cup training camp.

As a starter for Inter Milan, he emerges each week with his reputation enhanced after marking forwards like Diego Maradona, Marco van Basten and Ruud Gullit, who all play in the Italian league.

"It's certainly an advantage at World Cup time to have played against foreign stars," Bergomi said.

"We Italians benefit, although the foreign stars also learn the European style of play. We have to be careful not to become repetitive in our play."

The proof came during Italy's 1-0 victory against Austria when Bergomi and Inter teammate Riccardo Ferri completely shut down the feared Austrian scoring tandem of Toni Polster and Andreas Ogris.

"We mark man-to-man, so it's important that we never let any attackers stray too far from our attention," he said.

Italian goalkeeper Walter Zenga, another

leasing accurate crosses.

He has tallied six goals in his national team career.

"While defence is my main responsibility, I try to read the tone of the game," he said. "If we go up by two or three goals, then I may try carrying the ball up if I see an opening."

Bergomi, a modest, reflective man, takes his position as the team's captain seriously. He is the most accessible of the Italian players and fields the most banal questions from the press with an unfailing politeness.

"When I was 18, I played without a care in the world. Now that I'm captain, I find I have more responsibility both on and off the field, given the popularity of the game in Italy," he said.

On the night after Italy's 1-0 win over Austria, his teammates celebrated while Bergomi excused himself to watch the United States lose 5-1 to Czechoslo-

vakia. The key players' form 1982 had aged, and many of the younger players did not have much international experience.

"Now, in 1990, we still have young players, but they're more experienced, averaging 30-35 caps each. We've also benefited greatly from having played together in the 1988 European Championships in West Germany."

Against Austria, Bergomi earned his 66th cap, the number of full international matches in which he has played. He refuses to speculate on his long-term future.

"I think I have a good chance of playing in the next World Cup in 1994, as I'll be only 30, but I can't see playing at this level beyond that point," he said.

"For now, I'm trying to take it one game at a time, the way I have since I first started playing. After the Cup, there will be time to reflect on accomplishments."

Two referees maybe in '94

Austrian coach Josef Hickersberger says there must be two referees for every match in the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

He told reporters in Italy that the current Cup had shown how difficult it was to referee the modern game.

"The technical level of the game has increased as well as the speed of play. In addition there are now technical methods which enable us to see immediately how and why the referee has made a mistake," Hickersberger said.

He added: "These factors keep the referee constantly under a sword of Damocles and for this reason I say that one referee is not enough. You need two like in basketball."

Officials from American cities bidding to stage the World Cup finals in the United States in 1994 doubt they could impose an alcohol ban on match days.

A spokesman for Florence Council said the officials, who visited the city's stadium, said it would be very hard to make such a ban work.

In an attempt to avert fan violence, the 12 cities hosting the World Cup in Italy have banned alcohol sales on match days at bars, supermarkets, airports, railway stations and on motorways.

Cagliari, host to the much feared English supporters, has been even tougher, prohibiting the sale and consumption of alcohol in and around the city for nearly 48 hours either side of England's games.

The Florence spokesman said the officials, mayors and civic administrators from 36 US cities were interested in security as well as details of funding and sponsorship.

FIFA officials have yet to decide whether the 1994 finals will be staged at eight or 12 venues.

Diego Maradona was among 72 players routinely dope tested after 18 games of the World Cup finals.

FIFA stipulates that two players from each team be checked for banned drugs.

None of the referees or any FIFA official put forward other names for testing on the basis of

personal impressions, as they are empowered to do under the regulations.

FIFA said the result of the tests were not yet available.

One man's misfortune is another man's gain and Ahmed Abdel Aziz underlined that with great effect against Holland last week.

Aziz, 26, was only brought into the Egyptian side because star striker Hisham Abdul Russoul shattered his leg when he crashed the car he bought with the bonus he earned for scoring the goal which took Egypt to Italy.

And with Taher Abu Zeir, the man they call the 'Maradona of the Nile' out of favour with coach Mohammed El Gohary, Aziz was thrust in at the deep end against the Dutch.

Aziz, who plays for Olympic in Alexandria, was more than equal to the occasion and lived up to El Gohary's claim that he could be one of the revelations of the tournament.

Far from overawed, he took the game to the Dutch, something they neither expected nor seemed able to cope with.

A strong running, intelligent midfielder player, his conversion to a free-ranging role up front suited him perfectly.

He twisted and turned through the Dutch defence, firing in powerful shots from all angles and ranges, and pulling one desperate save from Dutch goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen with a low hard shot.



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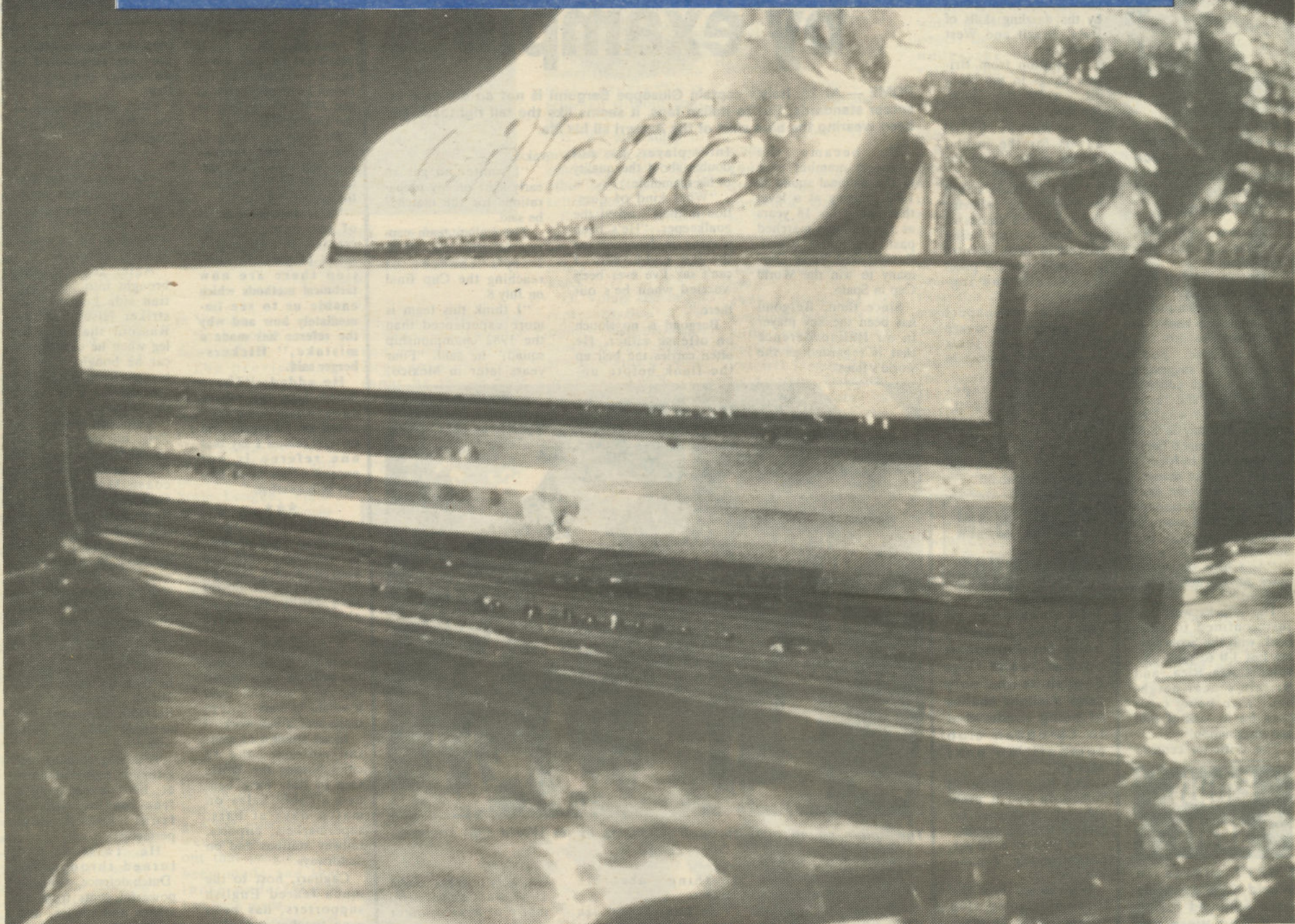
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DAY 15 SATURDAY, JUNE 23

REST DAY

DAY 17 MONDAY, JUNE 25

0030 Eighth Finals
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DAY 19 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

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1510 Eighth Finals (rpt)
1650 Eighth Finals (rpt)

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DAY 20 THURSDAY, JUNE 28

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Pacific Umbro Soccer Camps in holidays

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FORMER Australian World Cup coach Frank Arok will head up a star coaching staff at the PACIFIC-UMBRO SOCCER CAMPS during the coming school holidays.

The coaching staff is studded with star names and stacked with experience.

It includes Dez Marton, Grant Lee, Robbie Hooker, Gary van Egmond, Mark Brown, George Harris, Jean-Paul De Marigny, Douggie Utjesenovic and Matthew Bingley.

The panel also includes one of Australia's leading goalkeeping coaches, Fred Wall, whose track record is second to none.

Wall will be assisted by St George's ASW Player of the Year and ASW-Reusch Goalkeeper of the Year, John Filan.

World Cup referee Richard Lorenc will also be at the Live-In camp to lecture on the Laws of the Game.

So popular have these Soccer Camps been that the organisers have provided live-in accommodation for the NSW Academy of Sport at Narrabeen.

The non-live-in sessions will be staged at Bankstown, Dee Why,



Frank Arok, Coaching Director.

Narrabeen, North Ryde and Rockdale.

For further information on any of these July holiday Soccercamps operating throughout Sydney, please contact (02) 977 2992.

AIS is unbeaten on Asian tour

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE Australian Institute of Sport has continued its unbeaten run during its Asian tour, with games in China, Hong Kong, and Malaysia.

Its toughest test came in a match with the Chinese senior outfit Guangzhou City where it came back from a goal down to draw 1-1 through Stephen Corrick.

Then came a narrow 1-0 win over Seabee of Hong Kong, Mario Crivari scoring from the penalty spot after he had been brought down.

The AIS got off to a fine start on the

Malaysian leg of its tour when it beat a Kuala Lumpur under-20 team 2-0 with goals from Corica and Brad Maloney.

Next came a 5-0 win over a President's Select XI (Crivari, Greg Dickinson 2, Tony Pangallo and Nick Radecki).

A Kuala Lumpur under-18 team fared little better, going down 4-1.

Radecki opened the scoring with a header just before half time, Dickinson added a 55th minute penalty, and after the home side had gone one back, a late flurry saw Kris Trajanovski and Crivari complete the scoring.

Coach Ron Smith says the game was closer than the score suggests, with the AIS doing well to keep its composure in the sticky tropical heat.

Corry with the Demons

RON Corry, who replaced Tony Henderson as Blacktown City coach, wants to stiffen his defence.

"My first choice was to have Robbie Wheatley as a guest but he went off the the World Cup."

"Gerry Gomez or Steve Calderan would have been excellent, but they may not be available."

"After the Sydney Croatia episode I have a point to prove, but things aren't going to be easy."

"I had our under 17 team on top in Youth League... was having a happy season, but I couldn't pass up this challenge."

Corry has brought Steve Mautone into goal, replacing ex-Socceroo Greg Woodhouse, who perhaps understandably does not wish to play in the reserve side. — KEITH GILMOUR

Chit Chat ...

Bad luck department! Darren Stewart, Apia-Leichhardt's stalwart all rounder, has had shoulder surgery, which caused him to miss appearing for NSW in the rain affected State of Origin game against Queensland. His aim is to be super fit for the next NSL summer season.

Former Socceroo and Pan Hellenic star Dave Harding is putting his oar back into the game as coach of the Blacktown City under 15 Youth League side in Sydney. At the same club former Socceroo goalkeeper and Sydney Croatia coach Ron Corry handles the under 17 side. Former NSW State League star Keith Gibson coaches the under 13s at St George, whilst NSW junior coach Johnny Haynes looks after the under 15 team.

Having so many experienced men looking after aspiring youth players is certainly good for the game.

SBS TV people at the World Cup indulge in a little extra curricular activity. Les Murray has been heard on the 2GB breakfast session, giving Mike Carlton the drum on latest World Cup doings from Italy. Johnny Warren's reports can be heard on 2UE and a number of other Australian radio stations. In Perth John O'Connell delivers reports from Italy at 8am on 6NR, and runs a 24 hour service hot line on 0055 33509.

A Sydney Daily Telegraph sub-editor obviously used plenty of licence to headline a comment piece by John Taylor recently. The subject was the lack of a decision on the Australian

coaching position by Czechoslovakian manager Josef Venglos, who is believed to have other offers on his plate. The headline screamed out: "Dud Czech" Venglos gives Roos the run around.

Paul Okon, the 18 year old Marconi midfielder star, is a hot tip to become skipper of the Young Socceroos. Acting national coach Eddie Thomson classes the youngster as "One of the best prospects I've ever seen in Australia." Chosen as the NSL Under 21 Player of the Year, it could be that he moves on double quick from Young Socceroos to the first under 23 Australian Olympic Games team. After that he could claim a place in the Socceroos.

When you think of Italia '90, think of Socceroo star Frank Farina. The Queensland born striker, who starred with Canberra City, Sydney City and then Marconi in the NSL, finished the last Belgian season as top-scorer with 24 goals as well as a member of championship winners, Club Brugge. But Italy is beckoning, in the form of giant clubs Bari and Genoa, both of which are staging World Cup games. The clubs are prepared to offer \$A2 million for the broadly smiling Farina. The catch is that club Brugge chairman Michel van Maele is unlikely to make a decision unless there is \$A3 million on the table.

Maybe it would have been better if the National Soccer League had settled for ABC TV having leadership in arrangements for match cover and associated events handled from the Syd-

ney studios, as the sport is more widely known and played in Sydney than in other centres. That could have obviated having crowd riot scenes included in the ABC TV presentation ceremony, from the recent big bash at the Hyatt Regency in Adelaide.

Alan Davidson had a nightmare end to one of his last minutes of the very last game of the season — and a friendly at that — 'Davo' went down with a broken ankle.

Davidson, still very much a wanted man at Socceroo level, was stretched off the field after injuring the ankle in the clash between Croatia and touring Hajduk Split.

He'll be in plaster for at least six weeks.

The recent Bell Park — Coburg clash (Victorian second division) ended sensationally when the match was abandoned mid-way through the second half.

The referee called the game off with Coburg down to just seven men on the park after four of the visiting team had been sent off.

Nine players were also booked in the game which, according to eye-witnesses, was very bit as spectacular as World Championship Wrestling.

At the time the game was called off Bell Park led 3-0 and the suggestion is that that result is likely to stand.

Brunswick Juventus is keen to secure Preston goal-ace Warren Spink on loan for the remainder of the Victorian State League season.

Spink, after an injury-interrupted 1989/90 summer season, is desperate to get back and playing to tune up for Preston's 1990/91 campaign.

Despite finishing club top scorer for four successive seasons Preston sold Steve Smith to Brunswick Juventus late in the NSL year on the premise that 'Smudger' was "too old".

"Smudger's" answer to the know-alls who said he was washed up has been 10 goals in his 15 outings to the end of round 20.

The name of ASW's Lou Gautier appears on all SBS-TV World Cup credits. He is currently burning the midnight oil as researcher for the current World Cup telecasts.

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Craig Johnston demonstrating the England World Cup shirt, together with the promotion national song record jacket. The former Liverpool star has a proposal in front of the Australian Soccer Federation for World Youth Cup promotion, as Australia is to host the series in 1993. Back in 1981 Australia held the final, gaining a 2-1 win over champions Argentina, drawing 3-3 with Cameroon and 1-1 with England, before exiting 1-0 to West Germany, who become the FIFA/Coca Cola World Youth holders.

Reaching for the World Cup skies

MIKE JOHNSON WRITES

Brian Robson, Chris Waddle, Peter Beardsley, Paul Gascoigne, Jack Charlton, Bobby Robson

ONE of the benefits of being self-employed is that you can take a day off to watch England play Ireland in World Cup soccer.

One also was able to witness the agonies of the Scots as they slumped to defeat against tiny Costa Rica.

That is supposed to give an English soccer man his great pleasure, however, it did not stir that emotion in me.

Rather one felt sympathy for the Scottish spectators and their players, as once more they failed to do justice to themselves in the World Cup finals.

The Scots are in temperament somewhat like the Yugoslavs: extremely sensitive, extremely independent, and find it difficult to work together as a unit because each individual is so proud.

Neither nation has realised its potential at World Cup level.

The Yugoslavs felt the combined power of the West Germans, the day before the Irish tormented the English.

Which nation has the skill to overcome the commitment and ability of the Germans?

I was very impressed by the confidence and ability of the Romanians in their opening game against Russia.

Nevertheless, one cannot cease from thinking that England has an excellent team, good enough to handle anybody.

Perhaps change Butcher, allow the team to express itself a little more and it possibly could win another World Cup.

But you would never have thought so watching its hamstrung performance against the pragmatic Irish team.

It is not that the Irish as a nation are in fact practical, not at all. If anything, many are romantics and dreamers, inclined to rhetoric in their speech and inconsistency in their actions.

I have a touch of all that in me, with my grandparents being from Dublin, in Southern Ireland.

However, I was brought up as a child in Newcastle in the north east of England — a tough environment of shipyards and coal mines, which taught you basic living.

The leader of the Irish camp, Englishman Jack Charlton, hails from the same North East environment and it is he who has brought a highly practical playing method allied to the natural buccaneering spirit of the Irish, who are playing in their first ever World Cup finals.

There used to be a saying in English soccer folklore that you just had to shout down any coal mine in the north-east of England and up would pop a soccer player.

England players, captain Brian Robson, Chris Waddle, Peter Beardsley and Paul Gascoigne, plus the two managers Jack Charlton and Bobby Robson all hail from the Newcastle area of England.

So as I watched that England-Ireland game I felt such a strong commitment to the boys in white.

They have a good team that should be able to really play at this level.

Beardsley, Gascoigne, Waddell, Barnes — they can

We are of similar ages, played in the same period and I so very much would like to see him do well, but he

nation of fighters.

Yet they do not seem to be so good as front runners.

The Germans and the

"Bobby Robson did not let them play against Ireland"



Gary Lineker celebrates his goal in England's 1-1 draw with Eire in Cagliari.

handle the ball and they have a great finisher in Gary Lineker plus a tight defence and a good goalie.

But Bobby Robson did not let them play against Ireland.

Bobby played for Fulham, my old London club, during its First Division days.

seems to have somewhat lost his way.

The English pride themselves on their fighting spirit when their backs are to the wall.

They have come from behind to triumph numerous times in sport and in war — they are a

Italians look teams to beat this time round and presumably the Dutch too.

However, all the four German goals in its impressive result against the fancied Yugoslavs could go down to the Yugoslav goalie, to a greater or lesser degree.

This was something

not noted by any commentators or panel experts when discussing the hammering of Yugoslavia.

The verbal bashing of Scottish coach Andy Roxborough by Craig Johnston after Scotland's defeat by Costa Rica was somewhat rough.

Key players make the difference to match results, as colleague Frank Scicluna showed recently during his analysis of the influence of Zlatko Nastic on Marconi's



results during the last three years.

Nevertheless, quite obviously coaches play just as important a role, as we are finding with Jackie Charlton.

He and Brian Clough are possibly the United Kingdom's two most positive, innovative and influential coaches.

Yet sadly both have been totally ignored by England.

Hajduk wins last match

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shots on goal in the first half, both to National Soccer League leading scorer David Seal.

The Sydney chances were limited by an effective offside trap that dulled the edge from Seal's attack and relegated guest striker Tony Krslovic to the status of frustrated spectator.

Marconi's Gerry Gomez is a player with itchy feet and Vrzina hopes to pick him up for Croatia next season.

The home side finished the match strongly despite its lapses.

Socceroo Graham

Arnold was given a free far post header after a cross ball reached him from Gomez but he nodded the chance gently to Pralija.

Any of four players might have rounded off another raid near the finish but the Split keeper's acrobatics kept out Croatia.

Sydney heads off to Croatia for a tour next month and Split will host them for one match.

Split's only tour loss came in the first match against Australia in Sydney but after shrugging

off their early poor form, the visitors have flourished to show some fine ballwork.

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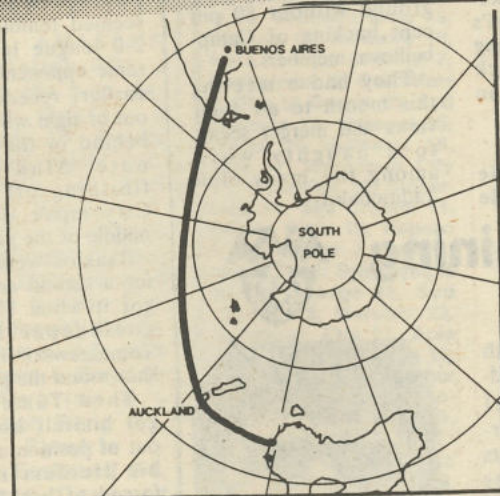
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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SCENE

with Alan Clark

Tobin, Zabica shine against Hajduk

CLASSY Croatian Hajduk Split made a mis-match of the challenge at Hindmarsh on Wednesday with a 5-0 humbling of South Australia.

SA, with too many Adelaide City players out of season and touch, was overwhelmed by the super-talented tourists.

Socceroos Alex Tobin and Robert Zabica, who had been in sterner training, stood out like beacons in a dull SA performance.

The State boys just could not handle the flair, imagination, technique and running power of Hajduk.

Josko Jelcic was an industrious and lethal three-goal opportunist who gave the 4000 Croatian fans plenty to cheer about.

But Hajduk had class performers in outstanding midfielder Goran Vucevic, who had a hand in four goals, dynamic sweeper Nikola Jerkan, buzzing Ante Mise and miniature Marin Lalic, who notched two ex-

pertly taken goals.

Vucevic started the rot in 33 minutes when he ghosted through the defence and slipped a pass to Jelcic who slid the ball home.

Lalic showed rare skills with a flick and shot overworked Zabica saved in 38 minutes but he made amends in 43 minutes with a good goal.

The little man accepted more genius generosity from Vucevic in 66 minutes for Hajduk's third goal and two late counters from Jelcic made it all too easy for Hajduk.

Tobin and Zabica apart, SA had no winners, though Joe Mullen, unlucky to be taken off as he looked a far more likely candidate than either Carl Veart or weighty Steve Maxwell up front.

The shambles of the home performance was highlighted by numbers falling off shirts and a goal stanchion giving way.

"If we could have managed to compete physically it could have been a good game," said State coach Zoran Matic.



Tall Adelaide City and Socceroo defender Alex Tobin was in form.

"They had lots of good players and technically were better than us. With our lack of preparation we did not have the condition to match them.

"The game came at the wrong time for us. If the players had been in the middle of the season we could have competed. There was naivety in the way we gave away a couple of goals."

Hajduk coach Luka

Peruzovic was delighted with the winning performance.

"The game was very satisfying," he said. "It came at the end of a long season but the players wanted to play. We played easily but created many chances and took five.

What more could you want? We are using this grip to experiment with some young players for next season and there are some good signs for us."

City will make no announcement on its coaching position for next season until the end of this month.

"The club has several matters under consideration, including the coaching position," said Caruso. "Our marketing arm, in conjunction with the board, is studying the Bradley Report with a view to implementing ideas we see as beneficial to the club. "No announcement on the coaching, or other matters will be made until a report is available from the Adelaide City Marketing and Business Unit."

ANY merger between Adelaide City and Campbelltown looks a long way off. Talks are continuing but the move cannot get off the ground without 80 per cent backing of Campbelltown members.

They had a meeting this month to air their views and merger seems to a naughty word among the many club traditionalists.

Hardy had a weekend to remember at Renmark. Controlling a knockout cup competition between them they handled 300 minutes of soccer as either linesman or referee.

Two very tired men in black drove home after Renmark Olympic beat River Rangers 7-5 on penalties in the final.

SKIPPER Paul Blute has bounced back for Croatia. The big man played against Birkalla after briefly returning as substitute in two early games. He has been sidelined for much of the season after knee surgery. Team-mate Deni Stepic recently showed Croatia teammates a clean pair of heels. But it had nothing to do with soccer. Stepic and mates attended an aerobic session at Steve Witwicki's Braham Lodge sporting centre. The full-back was the master of an eye-opening night.

PRESIDENT Charlie Caruso said Adelaide

by Alex Byrne (former Celtic star). You could not ask for a better teacher," said Borghetto. "He is one of the best junior coaches in SA."

USC Lion hopes to welcome back defender Theo Christakos this week after a knee injury.

CUMBERLAND might have bought a good omen with its new green and gold striped outfit. The Foxes have yet to lose in the gear to ease the concern of some club traditionalists over the change in strip. Steve Parks is keen to get back into full action with the club after calling it quits earlier this season. "I had a few hassles in one way or another out of soccer but everything is okay again now and I hope to get right back into it," said Parks who played stoutly in midfield on Saturday against Lion.

EVERGREEN referees Bill Devine and John

COLIN Bradbury, who has been a powerful cog in the pacesetting Para Hills midfield machine, won't forget his 29th birthday on June 14. He was back in hospital getting the leg, he broke last weekend, re-spliced and reset. Bradbury, who moved to promotion favourite Para at the beginning of the season, will be out for the rest of this term.

WITH his flowing locks, looping stride and easy style, exciting USC Lion teenager Andrew Borghetto is reminiscent of a young England star Glenn Hoddle. While he has miles to go to be in Hoddle class, Borghetto, 19, is a refreshing talent, who plays the game, freely, fairly and with style. He deserves to succeed in a game where increasingly such flair is stifled. Borghetto, studying architectural drafting, is quick to thank men who have helped his soccer development. "At St Michael's Primary and Veneto I was coached



Australian women in training

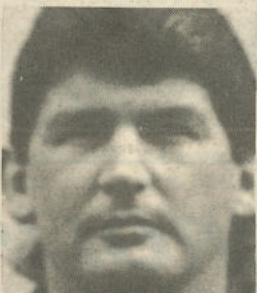
BY GRAHAM COOKE

groups.

No such information is available from this part of the world where AWSA executive director Heather Reid is still in the dark over what Australia needs to do to qualify.

Meanwhile, the Australians continued

their preparations with a training camp in Sydney from June 9 to 11 where players underwent psychology tests and played matches against a NSW women's select team and the St George youth team currently competing in the NSW men's competition.



Steve Darby, national coach

Parker revels in Tassie scene

BY WALTER PLESS

IAN PARKER, 30, player-coach of Tasmanian Cadbury State League club, Caledonian, seems set to perform at his best throughout this season despite the responsibility that has been placed upon him.

Being a player-coach can be an unenviable task. When one isn't performing at one's best, it's difficult to criticise team-mates.

Parker has adapted to his new role with ease however, and he is setting his players a fine example by producing some of his best form since arriving in Tasmania from England in April, 1980.

He has, in fact, scored exactly half the team's goals in both the Cascade Summer Cup pre-season series, and in the league, this year.

Parker has always been one of the leading players in the State and success came quickly after his arrival.

Calies won the State League title in 1981 (under the name of Brighton-ICL), and on a personal level, he struck gold when he won the 1984 Rothmans Medal.

He has represented Tasmania against Northern NSW and the Socceroos, and he has played for Southern Tasmania in the intra-state series on numerous occasions.

National League sides have often sought to sign him, but he has al-



Ian Parker of Caledonians in Hobart lines up the ball — Pic: Ralph Dymond.

ways resisted the temptation. In Tasmania, he has always been a one-club man — Caledonian.

"There were times when I was going to go, and I did have a chance with four or five mainland clubs," Parker said.

"While I was there,

things were great, but when I got back to Tassie I got into a sort of routine and didn't want to give that up because it's a nice, easy going life here and one has many friendships.

"I just like Tasmania. It's a beautiful place to settle down in.

"Calies have never ever done the wrong thing by me. The people involved with the club when I first arrived were great and it's been just like a second family for me."

Parker is the first to admit his form slumped a little during some of the years the Tasmanian State League was not in existence.

"When I first arrived I enjoyed the game and the competition, but once the State League finished, the ambition went a bit.

"I probably did stagnate for a while, but now with the State League back, and with my coaching and playing responsibilities, I've got new enthusiasm."

Parker is finding it a welcome challenge, and his return to a striker's role rather than a position in midfield is suiting him to perfection.

"I'm putting more into training and giving the game more thought than ever before, and it's helping me in my own game," he said.

"I've always been one of the lads, but now I have to sit back and look at things from a different perspective.

"I don't feel the pressure, even though I'm uncomfortable at the moment because I don't regard myself as a coach, but you've got to start somewhere and it'll be a good apprenticeship."

Parker is confident of guiding Calies to at least a mid-table position this season.

Uni in ACT Cup final

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE University of Canberra reached its third ACT Federation Soccer Cup final in five years when it came from behind to beat Canberra City Concordia 2-1 at Hawker Oval.

It will meet Belconnen United, which eased past ACT first-division Juventus with the only goal of the game at Woden Park Oval, scored by former NSL defender Mike Milovanovic in the 30th minute.

University's prospects, which had seemed remote after its 2-0 league loss to the same opponent 24 hours earlier, receded almost out of sight when it went behind in the fifth minute, Stan Tsakios finishing off a smart City move down the middle of the pitch.

Tsakios went looking for a second and almost got it when University goalkeeper Richard Tomaszewski tipped his shot round the post.

Then Tomaszewski got himself hopelessly out of position and Robbie Heidemanns was forced to hack the ball to safety.

The University got back into the game against the run of play. Ian Shaw slipped a pass to Willie Stirton whose shot beat Pat Harris's

desperate attempt to clear off the line.

And the Shaw-Stirton combination worked again five minutes later, but this time City goalkeeper Martyn Smith was able to block the striker's efforts.

The game began to slip away from City in the second half and the winner was a summation of its problems. Jimmy Kanaridis collected the ball on the right and despite the proximity of several defenders was allowed to move into a scoring position without being closed down.

He found the opening, Smith got a hand to his shot without being able to hold it, and University was on its way to the final.

ACT LEAGUE

Canberra City Concordia 2 University of Canberra 0, Canberra Croatia 2 Belconnen United 1, Juventus 3 Weston Creek 0, Tuggeranong United 7 Defence Academy 1.

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Juventus	9	6	2	1	26	9	14
Canberra City	9	6	2	1	17	10	14
Belconnen United	9	5	2	2	19	11	12
Tuggeranong Utd	9	4	3	2	22	12	11
University of Can.	9	2	4	3	20	18	8
Canberra Croatia	9	4	0	5	18	20	8
Weston Creek	9	2	1	6	13	20	5
Defence Academy	9	0	0	9	6	41	0



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Queensland's own beer

GREG RUSSELL REPORTS



Koch on loan to Pine Rivers from NSL Sydney Olympic

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND'S hopes of luring home expatriate products for the State's proposed combined National League team took a giant step forward with the news that John Koch is returning to Pine Rivers.

The former young Soccerroo will play on loan from Sydney Olympic for a month. But Rivers officials are hoping Koch can be convinced to stay in Queensland and wait until Brisbane United gains entry to the NSL.

Koch's homecoming could be the move Queensland Soccer officials hope will spark interest among other expatriates — including, Alan Hunter, Steve Jackson, Danny Wright and Manis Lamond — about a return to Brisbane.

"I think once one or two established NSL players come home, others will see we are fair dinkum about forming a competitive team for the NSL," a QSF spokesman said.

The Queensland Soccer Federation has not given up hope of getting a team in this year's summer NSL, but see the Bradley Report as a guarantee of their inclusion the following season if unsuccessful this year.

Injuries have dogged his career at Olympic and Rivers are hoping a return to familiar surroundings at Allison Park will help him get back to his best.

He also will team with his young brother Clayton, one of Brisbane's most dynamic strikers and a member of the Queensland squad.

"Once John is here we will be having further discussions about his future," Pine Rivers president Lance Siedofsky said.

Koch's return to Rivers will renew ties with the club that were severed more than six years ago when he headed to Canberra on an AIS soccer scholarship.

Koch, who played senior football as a 14-year-old with Rivers, gained a reputation as a tough player with unrivalled versatility and one of the hardest shots for his age in the country.



JOHN KOCH

He travelled with the Young Soccerroos to Chile in 1987 before

being snapped up by Eddie Thomson for Sydney Olympic.

NSW AMATEUR CUPS



UNDER 14: St George PB v Werrington 0-4.

UNDER 16: Cherrywood v Revesby Lions 1-0, Pendle Hill v Baulkham Hills 5-4, Beverley Hills v Kings Langley 1-0, Marrickville v Winston Hills 2-3.

ROBERTSON CUP: Oatley RSL v Chullora Wolves 5-2, Rev Lions A v Castle Hill 1-0, Pendle Hill A v Syl Heights A 2-0, Liverpool Ranger v Baulkham Hills 4-2, Panania RSL v Engadine Eagles 3-4, Greenacre v Cronulla S/Gulls L/F, Punchbowl v Gympie United 4-2, St Christofers v Colloroy Plateau 1-3, Kirrawee v Chullora A 3-4, Pendle Hill B v Banks-town A 0-3, Werrington v Sans Souci 1-6, Lilli Pilli v Crest 0-4, Amaroo v Kissing Pt

A W/F, Bass Hill RSL v St Ives 1-4, West Pennant Hills bye, Granville K v Pendle Hill C W/F.

NSW AMATEUR CUP: Oatley RSL v Sylvania Hts 3-2p, Engadine Eagles v Greenacre 0-1, Gympie v Epping YMCA 1-2, Kirrawee v Nth Epping Rang 1-3, Sans Souci v Dundas A 3-4, Menai v Canley Hts 4-0, Connells Pt B v West Pennant Hills v Engadine A 0-1, East Bankstown v Grays Pt 3-2, Riverina B v Carlingbah Rang 0-1, West Pymble v Epping Eastwood 2-6, Umina v Concord Jnrs 2-1, Hornsby RSL v Nth Sutherland 2-1, Penshurst West v Riverina A 2-1, Lilli Pilli A v Nth Shore Hellas 2-0, Carlton A v Granville War 4-2.

Close results at Rockhampton

SOUTHSIDE United goalkeeper Tony Hogan covered himself with glory after turning in a man-of-the-match performance that kept league leaders Bluebirds to a 1-0 win in their Power's Bitter Premier Soccer League match played last weekend at Rockhampton.

It was the best defence the southerners have turned in in recent weeks.

Kurt Peel and Gary Banks, Bluebirds' front runners, had countless chances in the first half.

Their build-up was good but lacked patience for the last crucial pass — if they had slowed a little the breaks may have come.

The Bluebirds' midfield of de Courcy, Jeffries and Fettell was completely on top but also unable to provide the service the front runners needed to get clear.

It was up to substitute Gavin Whitehead to

break the deadlock midway through the second half.

Whitehead gathered the ball about ten metres outside the penalty area before going on a weaving run past three defenders and then ramming the ball past Hogan.

Berserker finished a bad weekend for them, going down 2-0 to Frenchville in the other match of the round.

Frenchville took the lead a few minutes before the break when a long ball forward found Berserker goalkeeper Aaron Lonnergran out of his ground and Lindsay Dean was able to get the ball first for a neat opening goal.

Berserker were not without their chances, with good efforts from Micheal Bettridge and Brad Smith.

Brett Newmann is well known for his speed and clinical finishing and that was what bought about Frenchville's second goal after the break.

NSW POINTS

AT 14.6.90

MITRE METRO REPS: DIV 1: U11: Macarthur 16, Sutherland 14, Granville 11, Canterbury 11, St George 11, Sthern Branch 9, Illawarra 6, Blacktown 6, Bankstown 3, Sthern Dists 3. U12: Canterbury 19, Bankstown 16, St George 15, Sthern Dists 12, Sutherland 10, Granville 6, Macarthur 6, Illawarra 6, Blacktown 3, Sthern Branch 3.

U11 DIV 2: Nepean 13, South & East 10, Gladesville 11, Manly 9, Central Coast 2, Ku-ring-gai 2, Macquarie 2. U12: Nepean 11, Central Coast 11, Sthern & Eastern 9, Gladesville 8, Macquarie 5, Manly 4, Ku-ring-gai 2.

UMBRO YL: DIV 1: U13: Blacktown City 33, St George 30, Macarthur 27, Syd Olympic 27, Melita 20, Sutherland 17, Marconi 16, Southern Dists 16, Nepean 14, Illawarra 10, Apia 7, Syd Croatia 7, Bankstown 4, Cant/Marr 2. U14: St George 29, Syd Olympic 26, Marconi 25, Melita 24, Illawarra 18, Apia 17, Blacktown City 17, Macarthur 16, Sutherland 13, Syd Croatia 11, Sthern Dists 10, Nepean 9, Cant/Marr 7, Bankstown 6. U15: Syd Olympic 26, St George 23, Syd Croatia 23, Marconi 22, Blacktown City 21, Apia 18, Melita 17, Illawarra 15, Bankstown 14, Macarthur 13, Sutherland 13, Nepean 8, Cant/Marr 6, Sthern Dists 5. U17: Blacktown City 25, Cant/Marr 24, Sutherland 22, Syd Croatia 21, Apia 21, Melita 21, Syd Olympic 19, Marconi 19, Sthern Dists 16, St George 15, Macarthur 10, Nepean 7, Bankstown 4, Illawarra 0.

DIV 2: U13: Gladesville 34, Sthern Branch 29, Sthern/Eastern 23, Canterbury 22, Blacktown 19, Manly 18, Ku-ring-gai 16, Granville 15, Central Coast 15, Polonia 13, Rockdale 10, Avala 8, Fairfield City 7, Warringah 2. U14: Sthern Branch 29, Warringah 28, Gladesville 28, Sthern & Eastern 22, Rockdale 17, Ku-ring-gai 15, Blacktown 13, Granville 13, Central Coast 12, Avala 12, Manly 11, Polonia 10, Canterbury 9, Fairfield City 7. U15: Rockdale 32, Sthern & Eastern 27, Manly 25, Canterbury 24, Gladesville 20, Blacktown 20, Central Coast 16, Granville 15, Polonia 14, Warringah 11, Ku-ring-gai 10, Avala 10, Fairfield City 6, Sthern Branch 5. U17: Polonia 29, Sthern Branch 27, Manly 24, Rockdale 23, Warringah 19, Sthern & Eastern 19, Central Coast 16, Gladesville 15, Avala 15, Canterbury 15, Blacktown 13, Granville 9, Ku-ring-gai 5, Fairfield City 1.

COMBINED POINT SCORES LEADERS: U11/12 DIV 1: Canterbury 30, St George 26. DIV 2: Nepean 24, Sthern & Eastern 19. U13/17: DIV 1: Syd Olympic 98, St George 97, Blacktown City 98. DIV 2: Gladesville 95, Sthern/Eastern 91, Sthern Branch 90.

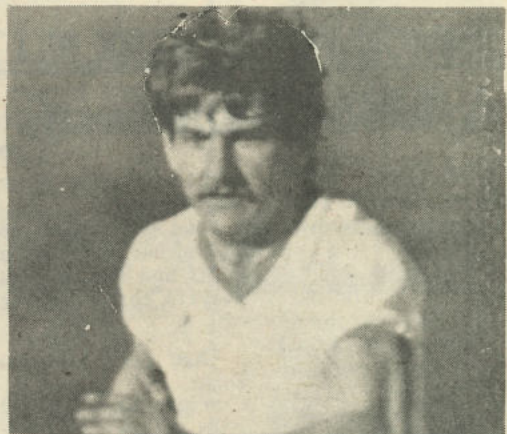
NSW YOUTH

THE top four from each division and age group will contest the NSW Youth League finals series, beginning on August 11.

Four teams will be eliminated from each grade on August 11, with semi-finals on August 18 and finals on August 25.

The grand finals will be staged on September 1.

Hawkish Niven after XXXX semi-final spot



Ex Soccerroo Alan Niven has ambitions with Mt Gravatt, as his coaching career opens.

FORMER Soccerroo Alan Niven has emerged with flying colours from his toughest coaching test yet.

Niven, in his first full season with XXXX League side Mount Gravatt, found his team six points adrift in last position after six rounds of the competition.

It was a very uncharacteristic place for the former State League champions.

But in the space of a month, Niven has revitalised his team and three wins on the trot have seen suggestions of relegation tossed out the window.

Niven's hungry Hawks are now ready to swoop on a semi-final berth.

But the former Lions full-back admits things were tough early on.

"I had to keep believing that what I was doing was the right way to play," he said.

"It was all a matter of application. The lads just had to apply themselves to the way I wanted them to play."

While Niven is too modest to admit, most recognise the change in the Hawks' fortune is directly linked to his move from sweeper to his favourite left-back.

Niven now provides the long ball service to his speedy front-

runners, John Brown, Andy Armitage and Phil Makridakis.

Armitage is a new signing, having played alongside Frank Worthington for Yorkshire club Guiseley.

Brown returned to the club several weeks ago after an overseas trip, while Makridakis has developed the potential he showed in past seasons at Olympic United.

Also starring for the Hawks is English import David Glenn.

"I think he was very unlucky to miss Queensland selection," Niven said.

While recent wins have destroyed the relegation blues, Niven is not getting carried away. He is still searching for a striker and a midfielder before the June 30 deadline.

"I'm fully aware that a few injuries could put us in big trouble," he said.

"But we have the basis to build on now. It's a matter of keeping the ball rolling."

"We've only been disgraced in one game this season. I don't think we were playing badly, we have just lost confidence."

"I think the top three places in the league are taken, but there's two wide open. I can't see any reason why Mount Gravatt can't fill one of them."

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Eastern Subs	10	2	3	5	13	18 9	The Gap	10	4	2 4 9 9 14
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COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP

A Coach Laments Adversity

AFTER only two games coach Ian Smith laments his lot.

They say only the strong survive in times of adversity.

This could be an omen for this year's Merewether High Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup side, and me.

Seven minutes before the kick-off of the second round match (after a bye in the first) our key midfielder pulled out due to a virus.

After a quick change of jerseys and a reshuffle they were about to go on the park when another player had to urgently report elsewhere in the school.

Another change, another reshuffle as the

referee calling them onto the park.

I am just settling on the sideline as the game starts and another two players come running off.

Their studs were too sharp.

While an ex-pupil does a frantic two-way dash to the Industrial Arts block to get a file Merewether proceeds with nine men for the first five minutes and eventually beats Lambton 5-1.

Their third round match came immediately after a regional sports carnival in which half the squad had been involved, so they were tired before the start and one player had to be subbed after ten minutes because a sports

carnival injury was getting worse.

Then, our central midfielder was accidentally "studded" on the knee by the opposition goalkeeper, a wound later requiring several stitches.

But he played on with it heavily bandaged and, despite another three players begging to be replaced at half time, they went on to beat Nelson Bay 6-0.

Nathan Eltis, a local Super League defender on the weekends, scored his first goal ever in soccer and was seen in the dressing room afterwards drawing numerous diagrams on the blackboard to show how it had occurred.

Wonder what they'll be like if they're ever fit!

— BILL TURNER



ST GEORGE OLYMPIC U11: Club President: Con Emanouil. Coach: Emanuel Mountakis. N. Tsekenis, M. Gregorio, J. Kolovosi, N. Pikos, F. Argeetes, C. Karidakis, J. Kafetsis, N. Dimou, B. Kollias, G. Misdantis, G. Dolos, N. Konogias, N. Tsilimos, E. Kallipolitis, C. Tsitos.

Country boys attend NSW talent program



Rale Rasic

THE second "Talented Child in Sport" soccer program has just been completed.

It was for boys in year 9 and 10, with 75% of the lads coming from country areas.

Rale Rasic and Rob Wheatley attended the course, which was a

great thrill for the country boys.

On the Tuesday, a representative from the Department of Sport & Recreation and the sponsors Norman Ross attended lunch and spent an hour viewing the soccer program, in which Oscar Gonzales ran the boys through their paces in "Wiel Coerver" routines.

All the officials were impressed with the soccer skills and talked over lunch with David Lee and Rob Wheatley.

These courses are a credit to the NSW Academy of Sport and the Department of Sport & Recreation.

There are hopes in

the near future of expanding the program.



SYDNEY CROATIA U13: Warwick Mallitt (Coach), Mirko Hrkac (Manager), Paul Bilokapic, Robert Bosnjak, Mile Deur, Tony Elek, Eddy Hrkac, Joshua Kasun, Zlatko Kolaroski absent, Joe Lastro absent, Andrew Meredith, Ante Miletic, Joe Moric, Tom Nisevic absent, John Olic, Antony Peric absent, Stiven Topic, Darko Zoric. Pic: H. CARRASCO.

NSW Soccer Coaches' Federation

Junior coaches invited along

BY BARRY DAVIS*

THE NSW Soccer Coaches' Federation was founded in the mid-60s by a group of senior coaches who saw the need to spread the gospel of organised coaching throughout the land.

Their vision was to ultimately have every coach of every team in Australia qualified to one level or another and to provide ongoing support and education for their members.

In the late '60s and early '70s, with the significant help of Charlie and Joan Valentine, they established a Coaching Academy at Parklea where the first of the soccer pitches and established lecture rooms, dormitories, a commercial kitchen and dining room in disused chicken sheds were built and then the pool and the change rooms were added which survive to this day.

At Parklea they conducted a multitude of courses for coaches and umpteen live-in camps for kids, all with the aim of improving the standard of soccer in NSW.

The dream of this group of visionaries continues today.

Although the names and faces have changed over the years, the stated aims of the organisation remain unchanged:

- To improve the standard of coaching
- To provide on-going support for coaches
- To improve the playing standard at all levels

Contrary to popular belief, this is not an organisation for professional coaches.

The aim is to provide maximum assistance and support for coaches at all levels of the game and the vast majority of current membership comes



CENTRAL COAST U13: Ben Lovie, Michael Bauer, Chris Scarlett, Steven Andersen, Matthew Campbell, Billy Lloyd, Keenan Field, Dean Stingmore, Shannon Verkade, Craig Herring, Jason Kirkman, Ben Lawlis (GK), Kristin Boesenberg. Absent: Brian Beueridge. — Pic: H. Carrasco.

from the junior clubs in all districts.

It provides members with details of Level 0/1, 2, 3, and Bridging Courses under the National Coaching Scheme.

Seminars are held, conducted by international and professional coaches as well as the NSW Director.

The bi-monthly "Coaching Overview" is published and regular meetings and social evenings held, and advice is given to coaches seeking positions.

A year's membership costs \$30. "Coaching Overview" and other benefits are well worthwhile.

If you are considering joining, ring the NSW Soccer Federation on 629 1800 and ask for an application form to be forward to your address.

*** Barry Davis is a well known Sydney developmental coach, and the editor of "Coaching Overview."**

AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION



UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 18 SATURDAY JUNE 9 DIVISION 1

		U13	U14	U15	U17
Nepean	v St George	0-7	0-1	1-4	0-0
Bankstown	v Syd Olympic	0-3	0-3	2-1	0-2
Sutherland	v APIA	3-2	0-1	0-0	2-0
Marconi	v Syd Croatia	0-0	0-1	1-2	1-1
Melita	v Blacktown City	1-1	1-0	2-1	0-0
Illawarra	v Cant/M'ville	2-0	w/o	w/o	w/o
Sthn Districts	v Macarthur	—	0-2	0-2	0-1

DIVISION 2

Polonia	v Ku-ring-gai	2-1	0-1	4-0	0-1
Central Coast	v Canterbury	w/o	w/o	w/o	w/o
Rockdale	v Warringah	0-2	1-2	5-0	1-5
Blacktown	v Gladesville	1-2	0-3	3-1	2-2
Avala	v Manly Warringah	0-4	0-1	1-1	0-3
Sthn Branch	v Granville	3-1	4-0	0-1	4-3

ROUND 19 MONDAY JUNE 11 DIVISION 1

		U13	U14	U15	U17
Syd Olympic	v Sutherland	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-0
APIA	v Marconi	0-3	1-0	1-1	1-1
Syd Croatia	v Blacktown City	1-5	0-0	0-1	1-2
Melita	v Sthn Districts	1-2	2-1	3-0	3-0
Cant/M'ville	v Nepean	w/o	w/o	w/o	w/o
Macarthur	v Illawarra	2-0	2-0	1-3	3-0

DIVISION 2

Ku-ring-gai	v Central Coast	w/o	w/o	w/o	w/o
Canterbury	v Rockdale	2-1	2-3	0-3	1-2
Warringah	v Blacktown	0-8	3-0	0-0	4-1
Gladesville	v Avala	8-0	2-0	2-0	2-3
Manly Warringah	v Sthn Branch	1-2	2-4	6-0	0-0
Granville	v Sthn & Eastern	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-4

ROUND 20 SATURDAY JUNE 16 DIVISION 1

		U13	U14	U15	U17
Sutherland	v St George	0-5	0-1	1-5	0-1
Marconi	v Syd Olympic	1-0	1-2	2-1	1-0
Blacktown City	v APIA	2-0	1-0	0-2	1-3
Melita	v Syd Croatia	6-3	1-2	0-1	2-0
Blacktown	v Cant/M'ville	2-0	3-2	3-1	1-2
Nepean	v Macarthur	3-0	1-0	1-6	1-2
Illawarra	v Sth Districts	1-1	3-2	7-0	0-4

DIVISION 2

Rockdale	v Ku-ring-gai	1-2	2-1	2-1	5-1
Blacktown	v Canterbury	1-0	3-0	0-1	2-3
Avala	v Warringah	5-1	2-1	2-0	0-3
Manly Warringah	v Gladesville	1-1	0-2	0-3	9-0
Polonia	v Granville	1-2	2-2	0-2	4-0
Sthn & Eastern	v Sthn Branch	1-2	2-2	2-0	0-2

Mitre Metro Representatives

ROUND 11 SUNDAY JUNE 10 DIVISION A

		U11	U12
Canterbury	v Illawarra	—	11-0
St George	v Macarthur	—	2-1
Granville	v Blacktown	5-0	2-1
Bankstown	v Sthn Districts	—	1-2
Sutherland	v Sthn Branch	—	5-0

DIVISION B

Manly	v Gladesville	2-0	0-1
Manly	v Nepean	—	0-2

ROUND 12 SUNDAY JUNE 17 DIVISION A

		U11	U12
Macarthur	v Canterbury	1-3	1-1
Blacktown	v St George	0-2	0-0
Sthn Districts	v Granville	1-2	2-0
Sutherland	v Bankstown	3-1	0-4
Sthn Districts	v Illawarra	1-1	0-0

DIVISION B

Sthn & East	v Manly	2-2	2-1
Nepean	v Gladesville	2-0	0-1
Macquarie — bye			
Ku-ring-gai	v Central Coast	3-1	2-0

CZECHOSLOVAKIA v AUSTRIA 1-0

Penalty-King swings it



TONI POLSTER: a disappointment for Austria.

FLORENCE — Michal Bilek restored his reputation as one of the deadliest dead-ball experts in Europe with the winning penalty for Czechoslovakia against Austria.

At the final whistle the delighted Czechoslovaks rushed over to the touchline and applauded the several thousand fans who had made the journey to Italy.

The goal was Czechoslovakia's third penalty of the tournament. Bilek scored one and missed one in the 5-1 victory over the United States.

Defender Anton Pfeffer made a disastrous backpass that forced keeper Klaus Lindenberger to come off his line.

When Czechoslovak midfielder Jozef Chovanec intercepted, Lindenberger felled him.

Chovanec was carried off on a stretcher with an injury to his right leg, but at least had the delight of seeing Bilek fire home the vital spot-kick to seal the Czechs' place in the next round.

After dominating the first half Czechoslovakia decided to simply hold on to their slender lead.

Austria retook the field with three strikers, Andreas Ogris joining Toni Polster and Gerhard Rodax up front, but the Czechoslovaks had no intention of surrendering their lead.

A series of crunching tackles blunted the Austrian attack and when Ogris, Polster and Rodax did manage to find some space they were unable to make use of it.

had enough strength to reach goalkeeper Jan Stejskal.

It was all stirring stuff in the old-fashioned style as Austria continued to press forward but the massed Czech defence refuse to crack.

In the dying seconds Andreas Herzog was brought down on the edge of the area by Lobos Kubik but the Austrians once again squandered a chance when Polster blasted into the wall and the ball spun safely away.

It was a day when nothing would go right for the frustrated Austrians who lost their composure in the final 20 minutes, picking up four yellow cards.

The last came after the final whistle went when Ernst Aigner let Scottish referee George Smith know what he thought of his handling of the game.

Pre-match fears that it would be a dour, cautious game, were quickly dispelled in the opening minutes when the Czechs wasted no time in taking it to the Austrians.

In the 28th minute, a brilliant attack set up by Ivo Knoflicek when he beat the offside trap and sprinted down the left before pulling the ball back to Lubomir Moravcik was halted by defender Anton Pfeffer.

Ten minutes earlier Knoflicek, who was causing all sorts of problems to the slow Austrian defence, nearly scored from five metres but a defender got his foot in the way and the ball spun away from a corner.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Stejskal, Kadlec, Hasek, Kocian, Bilek, Chovanec (Bilek 31m), Kubik, Skuhravy, Moravcik, Knoflicek (Weiss 83m), Nemecek.

AUSTRIA: Lindenberger.



JOE VENGLOS — he has coached his Czechoslovak team into World Cup contention.

The best chance of an equaliser fell to the 24-year-old Rodax, brought in by manager Josef Hickersberger to add firepower.

A perfect pass from Peter Schoettel in the 32nd minute found Rodax who turned, outpaced his defender, but then wasted it all with a shot that barely

Aigner, Pecl, Pfeffer, Schoettel (Streiter 46m), Zsak, Russ (Ogris 46m), Polster, Hoernagel, Rodax, Herzog.

SCORER: Bilek 30m (pen). **REFEREE:** George Smith (Scotland). **CROWD:** 38,687.

STATS

AUSTRIA: Free kicks 23, Corners 4, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 3. **CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Free kicks 23, Corners 6, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 5.

ITALY v USA 1-0

Local idols unimpressive

ROME — Italy ambled to a disappointing 1-0 win over the United States today, but the narrow victory virtually assured it of a place in the second round.

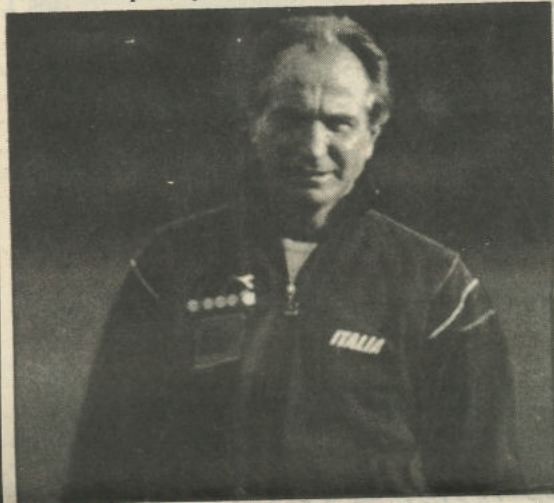
The Italians went ahead in the 11th minute when midfielder Giuseppe Giannini flicked home a back-pass from captain Giuseppe Bergomi.

It should have had two after Nicola Berti was brought down in the area by Paul Caligiuri and referee Edgardo Codesal ordered a penalty. But

area.

Substitute Salvatore Schillaci, who scored after coming on against Austria, could not find the finishing touch after he took Carnevale's place in the 51st minute.

Eight minutes after coming on he headed over the bar and in the 81st and 90th minutes he shot wide.



Italian supremo Azeglio Vicini has reason to smile, his team is on course for a splendid Italia '90.

striker Gianluca Vialli, suffering a goal jinx in recent international matches, hit the post.

Italy, playing at half-pace against the lowly-rated Americans, disappointed the partisan crowd in Rome's Olympic Stadium by failing to finish, despite several scoring chances.

The Americans had their best chance in the 69th minute when John Harkes thundered a free-kick at Italian goalkeeper Walter Zenga, who could only punch the ball away.

Peter Vermes's follow-up shot slid under Zenga's body and was scrambled away.

Italy lacked vitality and accuracy. Many passes went astray as the favourites allowed themselves the luxury of losing concentration.

Strike pair Vialli and Andrea Carnevale both had their chances.

In the eighth minute Vialli pushed a close-range shot straight into goalkeeper Tony Meola's gloves and 20 minutes later Carnevale failed to take advantage of a dazzling dribble from busy midfielder Roberto Donadoni and fumbled the ball in the

Three minutes from the end Marcelo Balboa almost caused an upset for the United States when he blasted the ball over the bar after finding himself clear in the box.

The Americans could be more than satisfied at holding the odds-on favourites to a single goal. Coach Bob Gansler summed it up when he said: "We took a giant step tonight."

Goalkeeper Meola was also positive, saying: "We can take a lot of experience out of the game."

The Italians were philosophical. "The important thing was to win," said coach Azeglio Vicini.

ITALY: Zenga, Baresi, Bergomi, Ferri, Maldini, Berti, De Napoli, Giannini, Donadoni, Carnevale (Schillaci 52m), Vialli.

USA: Meola, Doyle, Windischmann, Armstrong, Banks (Stollmeyer 81m), Balboa, Harkes, Ramos, Caligiuri, Vermes, Murray (Sullivan 83m).

SCORER: Giannini 11m for Italy.

YELLOW CARDS: Ferri 69m for Italy; Banks 63m for USA.

REFEREE: Edgardo Codesal (Mexico).

CROWD: 73,423.

STATS

ITALY: Free kicks 19, Corners 7, Shots on target 5, Shots off target 9. **USA:** Free kicks 10, Corners 2, Shot on target 4, Shots off target 6.



ITALIA '90

GROUP A

Tourists go AWOL

ROME — The headline in one of Italy's leading sports newspapers said it all "Tourists, where are you?"

That's the question many Italian hotel and restaurant owners were asking themselves 12 days into the World Cup.

Touted as a boon to Italy's tourist industry, the World Cup so far has been a bit of a bust, say some officials in the tourist industry.

Marino Corona, president of the Italian government's tourism department, estimated that no more than 100,000 foreign tourists had come to Italy for the first round.

Italy spent billions of dollars building new stadiums, refurbishing old ones, adding new subway lines or expanding old ones, hoping the World Cup would act as a magnet for tourists.

But Italian tourism officials now estimate there may be a 50 per cent drop in tourism over a normal June.

Part of the problem has been caused by "commuter tourists" who drive cars to Italy from other European countries, like Austria or Germany, only for one or two nights to see one game and then leave, the paper said.

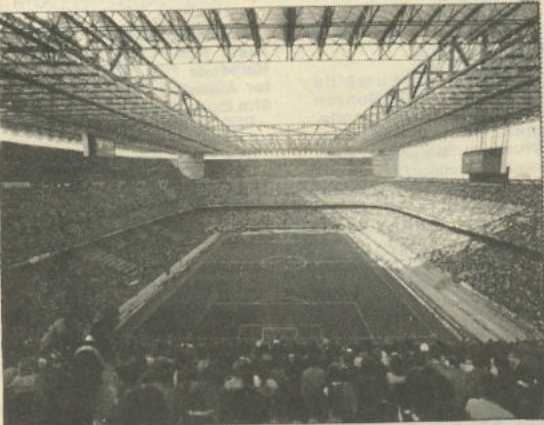
Merchants, restaurateurs and hotel-owners in Florence, for instance, have complained that playing host to three first-round games in Group A — involving Austria, Czechoslovakia and the United States — hasn't helped tourism.

"The effect of the World Cup has been decidedly negative," says Mario Lippi, president of the Italian Association of Tourism in Tuscany. "We expected that almost every hotel room in the city would be booked for the month of June. Instead, we've experienced a 30 per cent drop from ordinary years."

Italian coverage is sub-standard

BY LOU GAUTIER

RAI, the Italian State-owned television network that provides the "feed" for all World Cup matches, has come in for deserved criticism for the mediocre quality of its telecasts.



Milan's imposing renovated Meazza Stadium.

Every country telecasting the finals has to rely on Italian TV for their pictures, and haven't they been fuming — so much so that all foreign networks have sent a joint protest to the Italian government.

If you have been watching the SBS telecasts, you will have noticed how infuriatingly sloppy the Italians are with pre-game line-ups, not to mention second half substitutions that are never super-imposed on the screen and, more annoyingly, how unimaginative the camera work has been.

Italians, despite boasting the best club soccer in the world, have lagged behind the

rest of Western Europe in the quality of their TV coverage, which is one-dimensional and totally devoid of innovative ideas.

One would have thought a special effort would have been made for the World Cup, but this has not happened.

However, surprise, surprise: matches involving Italy are covered from every angle, with countless replays and first-rate camera work — in sharp contrast to the cavalier fashion other games are televised by Italian television.

It's been a typical case of Italian *laissez-faire*, and for the greatest greatest show on earth, it's just not good enough.



ROGER MILLA — the grand old veteran is congratulated by teammates after scoring against Romania.

GROUP B

CAMEROUN v ROMANIA 2-1

Veteran's brace sinks Romania

BARI — Veteran striker Roger Milla kept alive Cameroun's World Cup fairy tale by scoring two late goals as his side beat Romania 2-1 to secure its place in the second round.

Milla, 38, slid the ball calmly past Romanian goalkeeper Silviu Lung in the 76th minute — a quarter of an hour after coming on as substitute.

He drove home his second from close range 10 minutes later.

Milla also played in the Cameroun team that was undefeated in all three of its games in the 1982 World Cup in Spain, but was eliminated because its rivals scored more goals.

Angry Romanian players surrounded Chilean referee Hernan Silva Arce at the end of the game, claiming Milla had pushed Andone before scoring the first goal.

Romania dominated possession in the first half, but could not find a way past the Cameroun defence and veteran goalkeeper Thomas Nkono.

Nkono made a number of important saves, including one desperate dive to touch away one-handed a freekick from

Gheorghe Hagi.

His heroics lifted the team, leading to Milla's inspired late-game performance.

The 88th minute Romanian goal was also controversial. Television replays showed two Romanian attackers apparently in offside positions.

It was Romanian winger Florin Raducioiu who made the first penetrating run down the left flank in the second minute, but after beating two men he was stopped close to the penalty area by Akem Ndip.

Cyrille Mekanaky forced the first corner with a skilful break on the left wing after 10 minutes, but no-one was in the middle to meet the cross which skidded across the face of the goal.

Mariusus Lacatus eluded the Cameroun defence just inside the penalty area after 12 minutes and Raducioiu fired narrowly wide when Lacatus crossed in Romania's best early chance.

As Romania began to dominate, their forwards peppered the Cameroun goal.

The best from a Hagi free kick was touched over the bar by goalkeeper Nkono.

Romania, pushing forward and abandoning the counter-attacking game they used against the Soviet Un-



ion, increased their domination as Hagi's artistry began to tell.

But Nkono punched away another powerful drive from Hagi as Cameroun held out under intense pressure.

Cameroun were restricted by the well-organised Romanian defence to long shots.

Two from M'Fede and one from Emmanuel Kunde sailed over the bar, but in the last 20 minutes the Africans were supreme to the delight of a disappointingly small crowd.

CAMEROUN: Nkono, Onana, Ekwelle, Kunde (Paga 69m), Omam Biyick, Mbouh Mbouh, Mfede, Tataw, Ndip, Mekanaky, Maboang (Milla 58m).

ROMANIA: Lung, Rednic, Klein, Andone, Rotariu, G. Popescu, Lacatus, Sabau, Hagi (Dumitrescu 55m), Raducioiu (Balint 63m), Timofte.

SCORERS: Milla 76 & 86m for Cameroun; Balint 88m for Romania.

YELLOW CARDS: Tataw 21m, Nkono 69m for Cameroun; Popescu 17m for Romania.

REFEREE: Hernan Silva Arce (Chile).

CROWD: 38,687.

STATS

ROMANIA: Free kicks 22, Corners 3, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 9.

CAMEROUN: Free kicks 25, Corners 4, Shots on target 4, Shots off target 4.

ARGENTINA v USSR 2-0

Another 'Hand Of God'!

NAPLES — A new-look Argentina overcame the early loss of injured goalkeeper Nery Pumpido to beat the Soviet Union 2-0 with a hand ball but Diego Maradona again got away with it.

The victory kept alive the defending champion's hopes of advancing to the second round of the tournament.

It lost its opener to Cameroun but coach Carlos Bilardo made five changes and they paid off.

The defeat almost certainly will eliminate the Soviet Union, which was also beaten in its opening game against Romania.

Pedro Troglio scored the first goal in the 27th minute, heading home powerfully after a cleverly-weighted cross from Julio Olarticochea.

Jorge Burruchaga made it 2-0 when he pounced after a defensive error in the 80th minute.

Pumpido was carried off on a stretcher in the 12th minute after being injured in a collision with a team mate while making a save and his right tibia was broken.

Substitute Sergio Goycochea quickly settled in and made a number of crucial saves.

The Soviet Union played the final 42 minutes with 10 men after Vladimir Bessonov was sent off for first pulling, then pushing, Argentine striker Claudio Caniggia.

Referee Erik Fredriksson of Sweden also cautioned five other players — four for Argentina, including Diego Maradona.

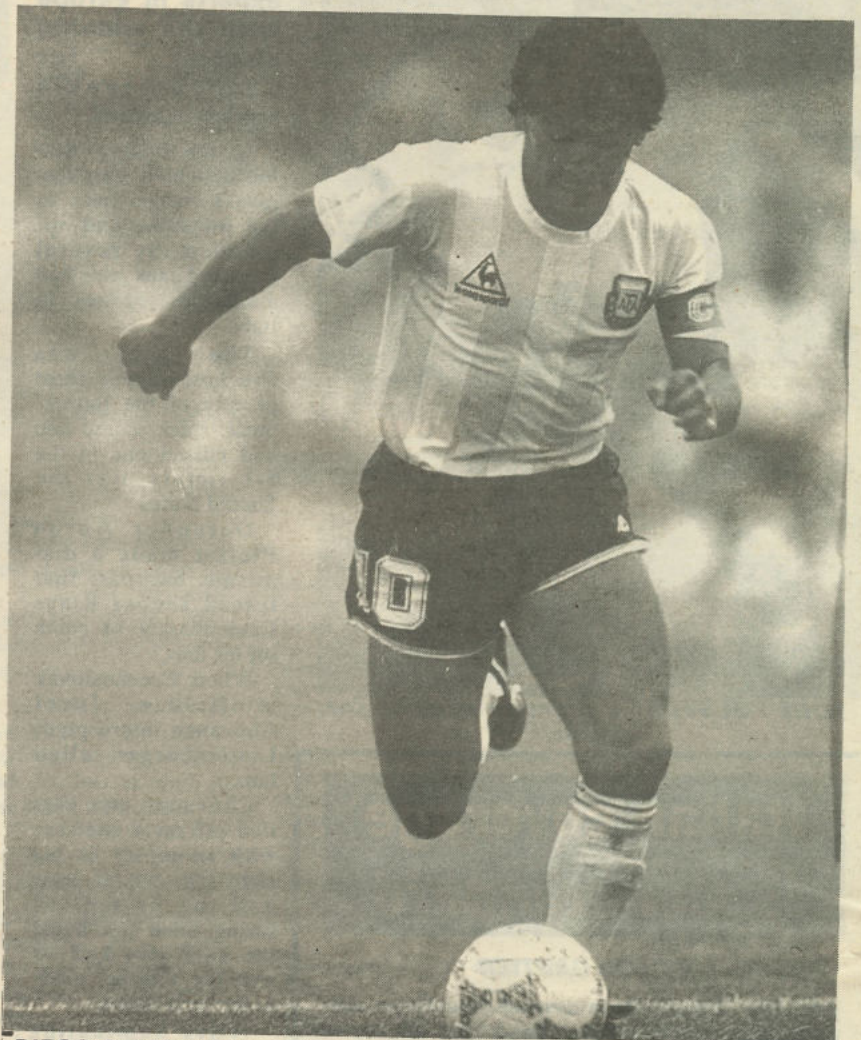
The Soviets appealed for a penalty for handball from a corner in the 13th minute when Oleg Kuznetsov's shot at the near post bounced off Maradona's arm.

Igor Dobrovolsky and Alexander Zavarov both forced Argentina's substitute goalkeeper into fine saves at the end of a scrappy first 45 minutes.

Referee Fredriksson was the most prominent man on the pitch as he was forced to award a seemingly endless series of free-kicks for trips, shoves and holding.

His performance was quite sub-standard and he appeared to be influenced by the crowd, all of whom were barracking for "local" idol Maradona and his Argentine team.

There's no way he could not have seen Maradona's blatant



DIEGO MARADONA: not a factor, but his hand — again — saved Argentina.

hand-ball, which happened right in front of him.

That incident, plus Bessonov's deserved expulsion, made it much easier for Argentina, who had struggled in the opening 25 minutes.

The lesser known Argentines fought like tigers, but Maradona

— again — was not a major factor.

ARGENTINA: Pumpido (Goycochea 12m), Monzon (Lorenzo 78m), Serrizuela, Simon, Batista, Basualdo, Burruchaga, Maradona, Olarticochea, Troglio, Caniggia.

USSR: Uvarov, Bessonov (sent off 48m), Khidiyatulin, Kuznetsov, Gorlukovich, Aleinikov, Zavarov (Lituy 85m), Zygmantovich, Shalimov, Protasov, (Litovchenko 75m), Dobrovolsky.

SCORERS: Troglio 27m, Burruchaga 79m for Argentina.

YELLOW CARDS: Serrizuela 56m, Caniggia 58m, Maradona 71m, Monzon 77m for Argentina; Zygmantovich 51m for the USSR.

RED CARD: Bessonov 48m for USSR.

REFEREE: Erik Fredriksson (Sweden).

CROWD: 55,759.

STATS

ARGENTINA: Free kicks 22, Corners 2, Shots on target 7, Shots off target 7.

USSR: Free kicks 18, Corners 6, Shots on target 5, Shots off target 9.

Maradona confesses

DIEGO Maradona has admitted he used his hand to knock the ball away from the goal line in Argentina's 2-0 victory over the Soviet Union.

After the match, he told Argentine journalists he reacted on instinct during the first-half scramble.

"I saw the ball coming at me very fast and I instinctively put my hand in front of it," he said.



At an early post-game news conference, he had said he

was not sure what happened in the play.

Soviet coach Valery Lobanovsky called the play crucial and said referee Erik Fredriksson of Sweden should lose his job for missing it.

The Soviet coach accused Fredriksson of bias against his team.

Maradona said the play happened so fast that it was difficult for the referee to see.

"The referee is a human being and can make mistakes," Maradona said.



And while on the subject of Maradona, the "great one" has announced he will not be competing in the 1994 World Cup.

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GROUP C

BRAZIL v COSTA RICA 1-0

No magic in Turin

TURIN — The near-capacity crowd that filled the magnificent new Del Alpi Stadium hoping to watch some Brazilian wizardry were sadly disappointed when the South American maestros could only eke out the narrowest of wins against the gallant but limited Central Americans from Costa Rica.

"We created a lot of chances but our attackers didn't perform that well," said Brazil coach Sebastiao Lazaroni. "Costa Rica never really attacked. They simply defended and didn't allow us to score."

Brazil score the only goal in the 33rd minute. Striker Muller's hooked shot flew past goalkeeper Luis Gabelo Conejo after it was deflected off defender Mauricio Montero.

Brazil created a plethora of chances throughout the one-sided contest, but was foiled either by the dogged Costa Rican defence or the athleticism of Conejo.

"It is an acceptable result," said Costa Rica's Yugoslav coach Bora Milutinovic.

The Brazilians completely dominated the first half, restricting Costa Rica to the occasional breakaway.

Midfielder Alemao set the pattern in the first minute, firing a shot just inches wide.

With Branco floating dangerously on the left, the Brazilians launched wave after wave of attacks. But they were frustrated by a combination of aggressive defence and the skills of Conejo.

In the second minute, Careca and defender Roger Gomez rose high together and the ball flew off the crossbar. Dunga, Valdo, Care-



Soccer's gone to his head. World Cup fan disguised as a football trying to score a freebie into a match? Or a Scotland barracker covering his shame?



Brazil's brilliant goalkeeper Taffarel.

There was no change to the pattern after the goal.

Valdo came closest to scoring in the 38th minute when his curling freekick was saved one-handed by Conejo.

The second half featured similar one-way traffic with the resolute Costa Rican defence defying the uninspired Brazilian attack.

Ricardo Gomez hit the post with a 48th minute header and Valdo sent two shots screaming narrowly off target.

BRAZIL: Taffarel, Jorginho, Ricardo Gomez, Branco, Mozer, Mauro Galvao, Dunga, Alemao, Valdo (Silas 85m), Careca (Bebeto 82m).

Muller.
COSTA RICA: Conejo, Flores, Gonzalez, Montero, Chavez, Chavarria, Ramirez, Gomez, Cayasso (Guimaraes 77m), Marchena, Jara (Mayers 70m).

SCORER: Montero (own goal) 34m for Brazil.

YELLOW CARDS: Jorginho 87m, Mozer 88m for Brazil; Jara 17m, Gomez 60m for Costa Rica.

REFEREE: Maji Jouini (Tunisia).

CROWD: 57,238.

STATS

BRAZIL: Free kicks 15, Corners 13, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 6.
COSTA RICA: Free kicks 11, Corners 0, Shots on target 0, Shots off target 0.

COSTA RICA v SCOTLAND 1-0

Scots humiliated



GENOA — Costa Rica, playing in the World Cup finals for the first time, upset the favoured Scotland 1-0 with a 49th minute goal from Juan-Arnoldo Cayasso.

Claudio Jara's back-heel fooled the Scottish defence, already guilty of loose marking, and Cayasso coolly slipped the ball under goalkeeper Jim Leighton.

Mo Johnston had a great chance to equalise

after 65 minutes but goalkeeper Gabelo Conejo blocked his point-blank shot.

"I've always said that these sort of things happen in football," he said. "It was always going to be difficult for us. They were the liveliest. They scored on the break and we couldn't."

Yet the Scots, inspired by a huge contingent of chanting fans, had threatened inside the very first minute with a powerful run and centre down the left from Alan McNally which was cut out by the diving Gabelo Conejo.

But then the Costa Ricans realised they were not playing at Glasgow after all, and settled down into an attractive rhythm with Juan Cayasso prominent.

It was the midfielder who had the Central Americans' first shot in a World Cup finals, a right-footer from 25 metres in the sixth minute that swerved narrowly wide.

Then Jose Chaves took advantage of the

Scotland then finally started to stretch the Costa Rican defence, especially down the right where McKimmie at last provided some width.

Giant centre-back David McPherson threatened twice with headers from corners and after Jara had had Leighton flailing at a first-time shot, McNally nodded a McKimmie centre fractionally over.

McStay was similarly wayward in the 64th minute, but a minute later Costa Rica's lead stayed intact thanks to two superb interventions from Conejo and Marchena.

The Scottish attacks were becoming increasingly more frantic as the minutes ticked away, although Aitken's 71st minute volley flashed past a post.

However, it was Costa Rica who had the last word on the most famous day in their

SCOTLAND v SWEDEN 2-1

HOPES REVIVED

GENOA — Scotland made wholesale changes and used them well to beat Sweden 2-1 and keep alive its hopes of reaching the second round of the World Cup.

Midfielder Stuart McCall scored from close range in the 11th minute and striker Mo Johnston converted a penalty to put the game away with eight minutes to play.

Substitute Glenn Stroemberg scored a consolation goal for Sweden with four minutes to play.

Sweden's second straight 2-1 defeat virtually eliminates any chance for them to advance in the tournament.

Brazil, which already qualified for the second round from Group C, has four points and leads Scotland and Costa Rica, which each have two.

Sweden remains without points. Scotland plays Brazil tomorrow (Thursday) and must force a point to make it to phase two.

It was a different Scotland from the one that lost so meekly to Costa Rica.

The Scots gave a rousing performance to delight their delirious 12,000 — strong support.

The atmosphere at the Luigi Ferraris Stadium was explosive as there were an equal amount of Swedish fans amongst the crowd of 50,000-plus.

The match provided one of the best atmospheres of the series to date, and the Scots made their critics eat their words.

Gone were the inane high balls that caused their downfall against Costa Rica.

They were the better team, always faster to the ball and more committed than a technically polished, but at times cumbersome Swedish team where

new wonder-boy Thomas Brodin did not get a look-in.

Mo Johnston was the pick of a mobile Scottish strike force, but the star for Scotland was captain Roy Aitken — and not only because he was the man the Swedes brought down when he had the goal at his mercy, thus provoking the penalty Johnston converted.

The Swedes will be disappointed with their early World Cup exit, but full marks for the Scots, who always seem to lift their game against good sides and falter against the alleged also-rans.

SCOTLAND: Leighton, McLeish, Malpas, Durie (McStay 75m), Levein, McPherson, Aitken, MacLeod, McCall, Johnston, Fleck (McColist 84m).

SWEDEN: Ravelli, R. Nilsson, Hysen, P. Larsson (Stromberg 75m), Schwarz, Limpar, Thern, Ingesson, J. Nilsson, Brodin, Pettersson (Eckstrom 69m).



MO JOHNSTON

SCORERS: McCall 10m, Johnston 83m (pen) for Scotland; Stromberg 88m for Sweden.

YELLOW CARDS: McPherson 70m for Scotland; Thern 60m for Sweden.

REFEREE: Carlos Maciel (Paraguay).

CROWD: 58,007.

STATS

SWEDEN: Free kicks 26, Corners 2, Shots on target 2, Shots off target 6.

SCOTLAND: Free kicks 12, Corners 3, Shots on target 4, Shots off target 4.

THE WINNER: Costa Rica's Juan Cayasso scores the goal that sunk Scotland — a 49th minute winner past 'keeper Jim Leighton.

Scots' loose marking to let fly from 30 metres but his effort was comfortably off target.

Richard Gough was not far away from giving Scotland the lead with a 26th minute header from Paul McStay's free-kick, but Stuart McCall was well wide from 20 metres 10 minutes later.

However, only a great save by Conejo prevented Johnston breaking the deadlock five minutes before half-time, the Costa Rican keeper turning round his left-footer after Gough had laid off Aitken's chip into the striker's path.

Scotland brought on Stewart McKimmie for Gough at half-time, but the change only succeeded in weakening the Scots' already difficult defence.

They were caught flat-footed in the 49th minute when Cayasso added to Scotland's recent humiliations by tucking the ball past Leighton, after a delightful backheel from Jara from Hector Marchena's pass.

football history, Ronald Gonzalez coming within an ace of a second goal in the last minute with a right-footer.

And the Scots — again — were set packing, after — again — having deluded themselves in thinking they had a competitive team.

COSTA RICA: Conejo, Flores, Gonzalez, Montero, Chavez, Chavarria, Ramirez, Gomez, Cayasso, Marchena, Jara (Medford 86m).

SCOTLAND: Leighton, McLeish, Gough (McKimmie 46m), McPherson, Aitken, Malpas, McStay, Bett (McColist 74m), McCall, Johnston, McNally.

SCORER: Cayasso 49m for Costa Rica.

REFEREE: Juan Loustau (Argentina).

CROWD: 30,867.

STATS

COSTA RICA: Free kicks 7, Corners 4, Shots on target 3, Shots off target 6.

SCOTLAND: Free kicks 10, Corners 13, Shots on target 5, Shots off target 13.

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GROUP D

Where's the football?

FANS are leaving World Cup matches wondering whether they are truly getting value for money at this tournament.

Tickets which are selling for between \$20 and \$120 entitle spectators to a game of football, but many of them did not expect that the game would last only 50 minutes.

That is the average clear playing time at the matches so far in this World Cup.

A team of statisticians employed by Italian TV have kept the stop-watch on the games so far and have stunned everyone with the 50 minute average.

Mario Frignani of RAI, the Italian TV, says the stop-watch only recorded when the ball was in motion.

Stoppages such as throw-ins, goal-kicks and free-kicks were not included.

The results show that almost 40 minutes of the 90-minutes game are lost to time-wasting of one sort or another.

The lack of playing time could possibly be even worse if one included the amount of back-passing to the keeper that has also become a feature of the modern game.

— STEPHEN DETTRE of AAP

LEADING SCORERS

(as of June 18)

• 3 — Rudi Voller (West Germany), Lothar Matthaus (West Germany), Michel (Spain)
• 2 — Marius Lacatus (Romania), Tomas Skuhravy (Czechoslovakia), Careca (Brazil), Davor Jozic (Yugoslavia), Roger Milla (Cameroon), Michal Bilek (Czechoslovakia), Juergen Klinsmann (West Germany).



Colombia's Carlos Valderrama is airborne after being fouled by his UAE marker.

YUGOSLAVIA v COLOMBIA 1-0

Jozic the Saviour

BOLOGNA — A dazzling flash of skill from Davor Jozic salvaged Yugoslavia's World Cup hopes when they beat Colombia 1-0.

Jozic's face-saving goal came in the 73rd minute when he collected a floated through ball from midfielder Safet Susic on his chest.



As defender Luis Herrera closed in on him the 29-year-old Jozic coolly volleyed the ball past a hapless Rene Higuita.

Minutes later, the Yugoslavs made a second rush on goal, but a shot by Faruk Hadzibegic bounced off the post.

In the 78th minute, referee Luigi Agnolin called a hand ball on Luis Perea inside the penalty area and it looked like the Yugoslavs would go up 2-0.

But Higuita moved to his right nicely to stop Hadzibegic's ground-level penalty kick. The first half was largely played in midfield, though each side came close to scoring once.

Yugoslavia's Srecko Katanec just missed in the 25th minute when he headed sharply from a

corner, but it went just over the crossbar.

Yugoslavia's goalkeeper Tomislav Ivkovic also made a nice save in the 38th minute from a shot by Colombia striker Arnoldo Iguaran.

Colombia dominated the midfield for much of the first half, with Carlos Valderrama, Bernardo Redin and Freddy Rincon working the ball around with crisp passing.

But each time the Colombians tried to break through, the pass either was off the mark or they were stopped by hard-tackling Yugoslav defenders.

Higuita, the Colombian goalkeeper, drew cheers from the crowd when he ventured out of the penalty area several times in the first half to intercept long Yugoslav kicks.

But in the second half, the Yugoslavs unlocked the secret of the Colombians' defensive scheme.

They broke through frequently with sharp passing and kept up the pressure on Higuita.

Colombia looked the more polished team in the first half, having ironed out problems of communication between

the players which hindered them despite their win against the United Arab Emirates.

Iguaran, recovered from a leg injury, had an awkwardly angled shot at goal in the sixth minute, after captain Carlos Valderrama had won the ball from the Yugoslavs and launched a counter-attack, but goalkeeper Tomislav Ivkovic, coming off his line, had little trouble saving the shot.

The Yugoslavs opted for a more cautious approach and good crosses by Safet Susic and Davor Jozic — Saturday's goalscorer — were wasted by their team mates' reluctance to go forward.

YUGOSLAVIA: Ivkovic, Stanojkovic, Spasic, Hadzibegic, Jozic, Brnovic, Sabanadzovic, Susic, Stojkovic, Katanec (Jarni 46m), Vujovic (Pancev 54m).

COLOMBIA: Higuita, Escobar, Gildardo Gomez, Herrera, Perea, Gabriel Gomez, Valderrama, Redin (Estrada 79m), Alvarez, Rincon (Hernandez 68m), Iguaran.

SCORER: Jozic 74m.

YELLOW CARD: Stojkovic 86m for Yugoslavia.

REFEREE: Luigi Angolin (Italy).

CROWD: 32,257.

STATS

COLOMBIA: Free kicks 25, Corners 6, Shots on target 2, Shots off target 6.

YUGOSLAVIA: Free kicks 24, Corners 2, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 5.

WEST GERMANY v UAE 5-1

Scoring in the rain ...

MILAN — West Germany qualified for the second round of the World Cup, beating the United Arab Emirates 5-1 behind two goals by striker Rudi Voller in heavy rain and thunder.

Voller and fellow striker Jurgen Klinsmann scored late in the first half before Khalid Ismail Mubarak hit back with a surprise goal at the start of the second half — the UAE's first ever in the World Cup.

A minute later, West German captain Lothar Matthaus hit home with yet another fierce shot for his third goal in two matches.

Uwe Bein netted with a strong drive, and Voller headed home the final goal.

The only blemish on the West German performance was the yellow card for defender Andreas Brehme, who had to miss the Colombia match.

For most of the half the UAE goal seemed to be there one minute, somewhere else the next, as the Germans peppered shots left of the post, right of the post and over the bar.

Even Voller was forced to laugh as he hit over the bar from only five metres out after 15 minutes, but there was nothing funny about the outrageous over-reactions and "Hollywood" antics of Klinsmann, who took a dive at the slightest push.

The Germans have never had so many goalscoring chances in a single half, never mind 90 minutes, in their lives.

The crumbling UAE defence was no match for the Germans but Franz Beckenbauer's troops could not find the killer punch until Voller finally scooped in a cross from Klinsmann after 36 minutes.

"We made some small mistakes, but generally speaking I am satisfied," said coach Beckenbauer.

"Our opponents were too quick for us, the Germans were too strong," said UAE coach Carlos Alberto Parreira.

WEST GERMANY: Illgner, Reuter, Brehme, Augenthaler, Buchwald, Berthold (Litkebarski 46m), Bein, Hassler, Matthaus, Voller, Klinsmann (Riedle 72m).

UAE: Faraj, K.G. Mubarak, I.M. Abdulrahman (E.I. Hadad 88m), E.M. Abdulrahman, Mohamed, Jumaa, A.M. Abdullah, Abbas, N.K. Mubarak, K.I. Mubarak (Husain 82m), Al Taliyani.

SCORERS: Voller 35 & 76m, Klinsmann 37m, Matthaus 47m, Bein 58m for West Germany; K.I. Mubarak 46m for UAE.

YELLOW CARDS: Brehme 31 for West Germany; Mohamed 26m, Abbas 30m for UAE.

REFEREE: Alexei Spirin (USSR). CROWD: 71,167.

STATS

WEST GERMANY: Free kicks 12, Corners 3, Shots on

target 10, Shots off target 10. UAE: Free kicks 12, Corners 4, Shots on target 1, Shots off target 2.



LOTHAR MATTHAUS: shaping up as one of the superstars of Italia '90.

Group Tables

(as of June 18)

GROUP A							GROUP F						
	P	W	D	L	F	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Czech	2	2	0	0	6	14	Egypt	2	0	2	1	1	2
Italy	2	2	0	0	4	4	England	2	0	2	0	1	2
Austria	2	0	2	0	2	0	Ireland	2	0	2	0	1	2
USA	2	0	2	1	6	0	Holland	2	0	2	0	1	2

GROUP B						
	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Cameroun	2	2	0	0	3	14
Romania	2	1	0	1	3	2
Argentina	2	1	0	1	2	1
USSR	2	0	2	0	4	0

GROUP C						
	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Brazil	2	2	0	0	3	14
Scotland	2	1	0	1	2	2
Costa R.	2	1	0	1	1	2
Sweden	2	0	2	2	4	0

GROUP D						
	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
W Germany	2	2	0	0	9	24
Colombia	2	1	0	1	2	1
Yugoslavia	2	1	0	1	2	4
UAE	2	0	2	1	7	0

GROUP E						
	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Belgium	2	2	0	0	5	14
Spain	2	1	1	0	3	13
Uruguay	2	0	1	1	1	3
S. Korea	2	0	0	2	1	0

CROWDS

Total attendance after 24 games was 1,118,320 spectators.

The average crowd per game to date at Italia '90 is 46,547.

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URUGUAY v SPAIN 0-0

Classy Uruguayans deserved to win

UDINE — Uruguay missed a second-half penalty shot as Spain turned what should have been its first World Cup victory in 20 years into a scoreless draw.



Uruguay dominated the match and attacked relentlessly in the second half against a Spanish team that could not match their rivals in speed, technique or determination.

Forward Ruben Sosa fired the penalty over the crossbar in the 73rd minute after Spanish midfielder Francisco Villarroya used his hand to clear defender Jose Herrera's header off the goal-line.

Uruguayan coach Oscar Tabarez said his team was unlucky and lacked an aerial game strong enough to pierce a Spanish defence that shrank back into its own end during the second half.

"I think that in the second half we corrected some problems and were able to dominate. We didn't win because we wasted some excellent chances."



Sanchis

Spain made two defensive substitutions in the 79th minute to try to stop Sosa and Ruben

"We were lucky on the penalty," Spanish coach Luis Suarez admitted. "It's also true we didn't play a good game, especially in the second half."

Both teams exchanged early rough tackles. In the 11th, Uruguayan stopper Jose Perdomo drew a yellow card from referee Helmut Kohl of Austria after he brought down striker Emilio Butragueno from behind.

When the two teams settled down, it was free-roaming Spanish midfielder Martin Vazquez who set the pace, stealing several balls at his own end and initiating counter attacks.

Vazquez later worked clear of two defen-

ders and was fouled at the edge of the area. After the free kick that followed, he nearly scored from a hard shot that was tipped wide.

Kohl showed Spanish defender Manuel Jimenez a yellow card in the 24th minute after he stopped a Uruguayan attack with his hand.

Three minutes later, Uruguay had its best chance of the half when Zubizarreta stretched to tip Antonio Alzamendi's shot onto the crossbar.

Uruguay increased its domination after half-time. In the 48th, Zubizarreta blocked a wick-

ed shot by Sosa. Paz picked up the rebound, but he shot high.

URUGUAY: Alvez, Gutierrez, De Leon, Herrera, Dominguez, Perdomo, Francescoli, Paz, Pereira (Correa 63m), Alzamendi (Aguilera 63m), Sosa.

SPAIN: Zubizarreta, Chendo, Jimenez, Andrinua, Sanchis, Martin-Vazquez, Villarroya (Paz 80m), Roberto, Michael, Butragueno, Manolo (Gorritz 80m).

YELLOW CARDS: Perdomo 10m, Francescoli 80m for Uruguay; Jimenez 24m, Villarroya 69m for Spain.

REFEREE: Helmut Kohl (Austria).

CROWD: 35,713.

STATS

SPAIN: Free kicks 17, Corners 1, Shots on target 2, Shots off target 3.

URUGUAY: Free kicks 21, Corners 5, Shots on target 8, Shots off target 10.

SPAIN v SOUTH KOREA 3-1

Michel hat-trick

UDINE — Midfielder Michel marked a virtuoso performance with a hat-trick that lifted Spain to a 3-1 win over South Korea.

Michel shot Spain ahead in the 24th minute with a crashing right-foot volley.

He scored the winner in the 62nd minute with a curling freekick from outside the penalty area and added a third goal in the 81st minute with a close range shot after beating two defenders.

Hangbo Kwan had equalised for South Korea in the 43rd minute with a drive from 25 metres.

Spain has three points, Uruguay one point and South Korea no points and the victory has boosted Spain's chances of advancing to the second round of the 24-nation tournament. Belgium, of course, have qualified.

The goal that gave South Korea a dramatic half-time equaliser came from free-kick specialist Hwangbo Kwan who blasted high into the top left hand corner from a set-piece.

Spanish goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta could do nothing about the perfectly placed shot from 25 metres out.

Spain's goal came in the 22nd minute when a cross from Villarroya to the far post found Michel.

The 27-year-old

Real Madrid star hit the ball on the volley as defender Gu Sang-Bum closed in half a second too late.

The ball crashed into the back of the net before goalkeeper Choi In-Young had begun his despairing dive.

It was a goal that always looked like coming. Although the Koreans dominated the play it was the Spaniards who always looked the more dangerous.

Manager Lee Hoe-Taik had made five changes to the side that went down to Belgium and it looked like it as they took the game to the Spaniards.

SPAIN: Zubizarreta, Chendo, Manuel Sanchis, Andrinua, Gorritz, Michel, Villarroya, Martin-Vazquez, Roberto (Barkero 82m), Butragueno (Fernando Gomez 76m), Salinas.

SOUTH KOREA: Choi In-Young, Park Kyung-hoon (Chung Jong-soo 75m), Gu Sang-bum, Choi Kang-hee, Yoon Deuk-yeo, Chung Hae-won (Noh Soo-jin 53m), Hwangbo Kwan, Hong Myung-bo, Kim Joo-sung, Choi Soon-ho, Byun Byung-joo.

SCORERS: Michel 23, 62 & 81m for Spain; Hwangbo Kwan 43m for South Korea.

YELLOW CARDS: Kwangbo-Kwan 37m, Park Kyung-Hoon 75m for South Korea.

REFEREE: Elias Jacome (Ecuador).

CROWD: 32,733.

STATS

SPAIN: Free kicks 29, Corners 2, Shots on target 7, Shots off target 4.

SOUTH KOREA: Free kicks 22, Corners 5, Shots on target 2, Shots off target 5.

BELGIUM v SOUTH KOREA 2-0

Underdogs lacked bite

VERONA — Striker Marc Degryse and defender Michel De Wolf broke down the South Korean defence to give Belgium a 2-0 win in its



MARC DEGRYSE

opening World Cup match.

Playmaker Enzo Scifo orchestrated the attack in the Group E match, but bad luck and the tough South Korean defence stopped Belgium from adding more goals.

In the 52nd minute, Scifo made a brilliant blind volley pass to Degryse who spotted keeper Choi In-Young charging towards him.

From 35 metres out, Degryse lofted the ball over the goalkeeper's head and it bounded into the net.

Twelve minutes later, the South Korean defence gave De Wolf too much space and he rifled a swerving, 25 metre drive past Choi.

South Korea couldn't change its tactics to push forward and Belgian experience did the rest to keep the team at bay.

South Korea's much-touted star player Kim Joo-Sung was never a factor.

Belgium's confidence grew throughout the match and Scifo, often reviled in the past for being too slow and fickle, proved himself a leader of the veteran team.

The Belgians sometimes played with the poise it showed when it finished fourth in Mexico four years ago.

Belgium dominated, even hit the post with one header, but failed to score in the first half as the South Korean defence clamped down on the forwards with often ruthless abandon.

"It was such terrible bad luck," said Thys. "But after that our game stalled until half-time."

First, Versavel's shot on target appeared to be handled in the penalty area, but US referee Vicente Mauro didn't

blow the whistle.

A minute later, Versavel's bad luck continued as he met the cross of Marc Emmers with a strong header that hit the post.

Belgium broke out again early in the second half and a goalkeeping error from Choi allowed Degryse to score with his subtle lob.

BELGIUM: Preud'homme, Gerets, Clijsters, Demol, de Wolf, Versavel, Emmers, Van Der Elst, Scifo, Degryse, Van Der Linden.

SOUTH KOREA: Choi In-Young, Park Kyung-Joon, Choi Kang-Hee, Chung Yong-Hwan, Hong Myung-Bo, Noh Soo-Jin (Lee Tai-Ho), Kim Joo-Sung, Gu Sang-Bum, Lee Young-Jin (Cho Min-Kook 46m), Choi Soon-Ho, Hwang Seon-Hong.

SCORERS: Degryse 52m, de Wolf 64m for Belgium.

YELLOW CARD: Choi Soon-Ho for South Korea.

REFEREE: Vincent Mauro (USA).

CROWD:

STATS

BELGIUM: Free kicks 16, Corners 6, Shots on target 12, Shots off target 7.

SOUTH KOREA: Free kicks 9, Corners 6, Shots on target 1, Shots off target 5.



GROUP E



BELGIUM v URUGUAY 3-1

Captain Courageous

VERONA — Captain Jan Ceulemans plundered a golden goal with his team reduced to 10 men to lead Belgium into the second round.



Belgium, 2-0 up but reduced to 10 when defender Eric Gerets was sent off three minutes before the interval, made the task of the South Americans too steep barely two minutes into the second half when Ceulemans struck.

Uruguay pressed forward in constant waves after the third Belgium goal and managed to pull one back after squandering a hatful of chances.

Second half substitute Pablo Bengoechea netted in the 72nd minute, meeting a cross from the left from Hugo de Leon with a sweetly-taken right-foot volley.

Leo Clijsters and Enzo Scifo had struck twice for the Belgians in the first 22 minutes but the removal of Gerets put them in jeopardy.

Clijsters concluded a move of deadly swiftness, initiated by the evergreen Ceulemans.

Ceulemans, reinstated to the opening line-up, exchanged passes with the lively Bruno Versavel and fed Michel De Wolf who made for the left corner-flag.

De Wolf clipped over a pin-point cross for Clijsters, who surged in from the right to head firmly into the far corner of the net.

Seven minutes later Scifo made it 2-0 as the Belgium Red Devils

once again caught the Uruguayans on a speedy break.

Franky Van der Elst prodded a square pass from the left and Scifo met it with a tremendous right-foot shot from 30 metres which thundered into the corner of the net as goalkeeper Fernando Alvez dived in vain to

third goal by Ceulemans, but in their anxiety to reduce the arrears their finishing was hasty and inaccurate.

BELGIUM: Preud'homme, Gerets (sent off 43m), Clijsters (Emmers 46m), Demol, Grun, De Wolf, Versavel (Vervoort 72m), van der Elst, Scifo, Degryse, Ceulemans.

URUGUAY: Alvez, Gutierrez, De Leon, Herrera, Dominguez, Perdomo, Fran-



RUBEN SOSA of Uruguay:

his right.

The dismissal of Gerets after two yellow cards in six minutes coincided with a period of sustained attack by Uruguay, with their captain Enzo Francescoli ever dangerous.

Right back Gerets received his first caution for a clattering tackle on Ruben Paz, who was making a raid down the left flank in the 36th minute.

East Germany referee Siegfried Kirschen gave him his marching orders in the 42nd minute for a robust challenge on Ruben Sosa.

Uruguay applied renewed pressure after the hammer blow of the

cescoli, Paz, Ostolaza (Bengoechea 56m), Alzamendi (Aguilera 46m), Sosa.

SCORERS: Clijsters 15m, Scifo 22m, Ceulemans 46m for Belgium; Bengoechea 72m for Uruguay.

YELLOW CARD: Sosa 41m for Uruguay.

RED CARD: Gerets (43m).

REFEREE: Siegfried Kirschen (East Germany).

CROWD: 33,759.

STATS

URUGUAY: Free kicks 27, Corners 5, Shots on target 4, Shots off target 15.

BELGIUM: Free kicks 7, Corners 0, Shots on target 4, Shots off target 1.

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ENGLAND v HOLLAND 0-0

Giants face elimination

GROUP F

CAGLIARI — England were desperately unlucky not to win against Holland on Sunday.

The scoreless draw flattered an insipid Dutch side which has yet to click in this World Cup, and has so far looked anything like one of the favourites.

Bobby Robson, who incidentally has never looked so relaxed (it



BRYAN ROBSON

must be the knowledge he is moving to PSV Eindhoven next month no matter what happens in Italy) "experimented" by using a sweeper (Mark Wright) for the first time.

The play worked, much to the chagrin of the Dutch whose

"Milan Connection" again failed to click.

England had the ball in the net twice but both goals were disallowed.

Gary Lineker looked to have given England the lead early in the second half but was ruled to have handled the ball.

Then in the dying moments Stuart Pearce fired home a free kick but the referee had signalled it was indirect.

You would have thought that a seasoned professional would know one of the most elementary rules of the game...

Lineker had missed two chances earlier in the game, but despite those lapses he was one of the best players on the field.

Another player to emerge with credit was veteran England

goalkeeper Peter Shilton, playing a record 120th time for this country.

The Dutch were a bitter disappointment — again.

They barely created two half-chances dur-



Marco van Basten

ing the entire 90 minutes.

They were a far cry from the team that enchanted the world when they won the 1988 European title,

and it is clear that Ruud Gullit is nowhere near as sharp as he was then, which is only natural as he has been out of action for more than a year.

As for van Basten, he seems to have had too much football, and not once did he threaten the English goal.

It was one of England's better performances, but for all that both teams could be eliminated unless they win their final games on Friday.

England take on Egypt and the Dutch face the no-frills Irish.

It won't be easy for either side.

ENGLAND: Shilton, Pearce, Walker, Butcher, Parker, Wright, Robson (Platt 64m), Waddle (Bull 59m), Gascoigne, Lineker, Barnes.

HOLLAND: van Breukelen, van Aarle, Rijkaard, R. Koeman, van Tiggelen, Wouters, Gullit, Witschge, van Basten, van't Schip (Kieft 74m), Gillhaus.

REFEREE: Zoran Petrovic (Yugoslavia).
CROWD: 35,267.

STATS

HOLLAND: Free kicks 11, Corners 13, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 6.
ENGLAND: Free kicks 18, Corners 3, Shots on target 4.

ENGLAND v REP. IRELAND 1-1

A boring spectacle

CAGLIARI — Kevin Sheedy struck a well-deserved 74th minute equaliser as Ireland wrecked England's hopes of opening their World Cup campaign with a victory in a boring opening Group F match.

Midfielder Sheedy, taking full advantage of a mistake by England substitute Steve McMahon, hammered a low 20-metre shot past goalkeeper Peter Shilton.

Gary Lineker had given England the boost of an early lead, scoring after eight minutes, but they were unable to build on that advantage and had to settle for a draw in a match marred by a high wind and some ragged soccer.

Lineker, leading scorer in the Mexico finals four years ago, proved he has lost none of his predatory instincts.

Winger Chris Waddle provided the opening when he dummied to create space for a left-foot cross from the right. Lineker met the ball with his chest, on the run, and the bounce appeared to deceive Ireland goalkeeper Pat Bonner as Lineker followed up and forced the ball in.

Ireland had most of the early possession but were unable to translate it into chances during a foul riddled and highly competitive opening period.

Ireland, facing their

first defeat in 14 matches, began showing increasing signs of desperation and after 65 minutes manager Jack Charlton made his first substitution, bringing on attacking midfielder Alan McLoughlin for only his second international appearance as replacement for striker John Aldridge.

Four minutes later Ireland continued to press hard as the game progressed and it needed both the speed and courage of Des Walker to prevent them equalising.

Walker was showing outstanding pace and reading of the game alongside the more experienced Terry Butcher in the middle of the England defence, and there was obvious concern on the England bench when he was sent crashing into an advertising hoarding by John Aldridge as he shielded the ball out of play.

After lengthy treatment Walker rejoined the game and soon afterwards England conceded a free-kick when Shilton carried the ball out of the penalty area.

Townsend played the ball short to McGrath, but much to England's relief his shot flew wide.

Winger John Barnes, who had been quiet for most of the game, burst into life with a scintillating run which ended only with a last-ditch tackle by Mick McCarthy as England

pressed forward.

England sent on hard tackling midfielder Steve McMahon in place of Peter Beardsley as a tactical counter to McLoughlin's arrival. He moved into midfield and Paul Gascoigne took up a more advanced position.

The switch proved costly. Five minutes later a mistake by McMahon provided Ireland with an equaliser, the midfielder's misplaced pass allowing Kevin Sheedy to rifle an angled 20-metre shot low past Shilton's left hand.

The goal sparked Ireland to life. McMahon was booked for dissent and Gascoigne tussled with Chris Morris as England battled to hang on in a disappointing match in which neither team showed any skills as it was mainly "kick and rush" football.

ENGLAND: Shilton, Stevens, Pearce, Walker, Butcher, Robson, Waddle, Gascoigne, Beardsley (McMahon 69m), Lineker (Bull 83m), Barnes.

REP IRELAND: Bonner, Morris, Staunton, McCarthy, Moran, McGrath, Houghton, Townsend, Aldridge (McLoughlin 64m), Cascarino, Sheedy.

SCORERS: Lineker 9m for England; Sheedy 74m for Rep. of Ireland.

YELLOW CARD: McMahon 73m for England.

REFEREE: Aron Schmidhuber (West Germany).
CROWD: 35,328.

STATS

ENGLAND: Free kicks 18, Corners 2, Shots on target 3, Shots off target 3.
REP. IRELAND: Free kicks 16, Corners 2, Shots on target 5, Shots off target 4.

HOLLAND v EGYPT 1-1

Dutch lucky to save a point!

PALERMO — Magdi Abdel-Ghani scored a penalty eight minutes from time to earn a confident and skillful Egypt side a stunning 1-1 draw against strongly fancied Holland in their opening group F match.

Holland struggled for almost an hour against Egypt before substitute Wim Kieft scored against the run of play to put the Dutch ahead.

But the slow Dutch defence finally crumbled in the 83rd minute when the cat-quick striker Hossam Hassan broke through.

Ronald Koeman appeared to pull him down just outside the area but the referee awarded a penalty and Abdel-Ghani coolly shot into the corner for Egypt's first World Cup goal in 56 years.

Egypt might even have won the match.

Dutch goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen had to make two brilliant goalline saves to prevent another major upset in this World Cup.

After 50 minutes, he dived low to his left to push a shot from Ahmed el-Kass round the post following great work on the wing by captain Gamal Abdel-Hamid.

The skilful Egyptians, playing in their first for over 50 years,

wasted another great chance when Magdi Tolba volleyed over from just six metres as a cross from Ibrahim Hassan found him completely unmarked after 75 minutes.

Dutch superstars Gullit, van Basten and Rijkaard were outshone by such "unknowns" as Hassan, Ahmed El Kas and Gamal Abdel Hamid as the 6,000 Egyptian fans in the crowd went crazy.

HOLLAND: Van Breukelen, van Aarle, Rijkaard, R. Koeman, van Tiggelen, Rutjes, Wouters, E. Koeman (Witschge 71m), Vanenburg (Kieft 46m), Gullit, van Basten.

EGYPT: Shobeir, I. Hassan, Yasseln, H. Ramzy, Yakan, A. Ramzy (Tolba 70m), Youssef, Abdel Ghani, H. Hassan, Abed El Hamid (Abdel Rahman 70m), Ahmed El Kas.

SCORERS: Kieft 60m for Holland; Abdel Ghani 83m (pen) for Egypt.

YELLOW CARDS: Kieft 58m for Holland; A. Ramzy 57m for Egypt.

REFEREE: Emilio Aladren (Spain).
CROWD:

STATS

HOLLAND: Free kicks 16, Corners 2, Shots on target 4, Shots off target 11.
EGYPT: Free kicks 18, Corners 1, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 5.



Egyptian Gamal Abdel El Hamid and Holland's Aussie-born Graeme Rutjes link arms while attempting to win the ball during their 1-1 draw.

IRELAND v EGYPT 0-0

Palermo yawn

PALERMO — The Republic of Ireland and Egypt battled to a boring scoreless draw on Monday to leave Group F as wide open as when the tournament opened.

Ireland dominated possession but lacked the finishing touches to penetrate the defence of stubborn Egypt.

The Group F teams each have two points from two matches and the same goal difference.

Ireland plays Holland and England faces Egypt on Friday to decide which countries make the second round of 16 teams.

Egypt found Ireland a different prospect to Holland.

Their kick and rush football never allowed the Egyptians to settle on the ball, hustling them out of their fluent, close-passing game and forcing them to rely on playing the ball backwards.

The Irish approach is never classic nor entertaining, yet it is nothing if not effective and their target men, Tony Cascarino and John Aldridge were causing the Egyptian defence problems.

Kevin Sheedy and Paul McGrath were getting balls behind the defence but with the exception of an effort which Aldridge scooped wide after a Cascarino knock-on and Cascarino's shot straight into the arms of Ahmed Shobeir just before half-time, they had few direct attempts at goal.

At the other end, the big defensive duo of Kevin Moran and Mick

McCarthy coped ably with anything thrown at them, which was not a great deal as Hossam Hassan was left to forage on his own up front and there was not the support from Ahmed Abdelaziz that occurred against the Dutch.

However, Hassan did have one clear break-away in the 39th minute, only to see the ball taken off his toes by McCarthy and behind for a corner.

Egypt looked a little unbalanced due to the two changes coach El Gohary made from the first game, with Magdi Tolba, who came on as a second-half substitute for captain Gamal Adelhamid, retaining his place and Ahmed Ramzy was replaced by Osoma Oraby.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Bonner, Morris, Staunton, McCarthy, Moran, McGrath, Houghton, Townsend, Aldridge (McLoughlin 65m), Cascarino (Quinn 84m), Sheedy.

EGYPT: Shobeir, I. Hassan, Yasseln, H. Ramzy, Yakan, Youssef, Abdel Ghani, Tolba (Abou Zeld 60m), H. Hassan, Oraby, El Kass (Abdel Hamid 77m).

YELLOW CARDS: Morris 51m for Ireland; Shobeir 77m for Egypt.

REFEREE: Marcel Van Langenhove (Belgium).
CROWD: 33,288.

STATS

EGYPT: Free kicks 15, Corners 1, Shots on target 0, Shots off target 4.
REP. OF IRELAND: Free kicks 15, Corners 8, Shots on target 6, Shots off target 5.